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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS
7 MORNING'S MEETING, IF I COULD ASK EACH OF YOU TO PLEASE FIND A
8 SEAT. OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING IS GOING TO BE LED BY PASTOR
9 RUSTY GEORGE FROM THE REAL LIFE CHURCH IN SANTA CLARITA. OUR
10 PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY BAYANI G. ESPINO, WHO IS A
11 RETIRED MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES COAST
12 GUARD. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND? PASTOR RUSTY GEORGE: LET'S
13 PRAY. GOD ALMIGHTY AND CREATOR OF ALL WE KNOW AND SEE, WE
14 THANK YOU FOR YOUR BLESSINGS, YOUR PROVISION AND YOUR PRESENCE
15 IN OUR LIVES. WE ASK FOR YOUR WISDOM TO BE GRANTED TODAY FOR
16 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. PLEASE GIVE THEM PATIENCE, PURPOSE
17 AND PROTECTION. WE THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE AND WHAT YOU
18 WILL DO. AMEN.

19

20 **BAYANI G. ESPINO:** PLEASE PUT YOUR RIGHT HANDS ABOVE YOUR
21 CHESTS AND JOIN ME WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
22 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR, IT'S A PLEASURE TO REPRESENT THE
2 BOARD TODAY IN PRESENTING THIS PROCLAMATION TO PASTOR RUSTY
3 GEORGE FROM SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WHERE HE IS PASTOR OF THE
4 REAL LIFE CHURCH. HE WAS BORN IN KANSAS AND HIS DEGREE WAS
5 FROM THE OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN MISSOURI. AND HE HAS
6 SERVED THREE CHURCHES BEFORE COMING TO THE SANTA CLARITA
7 VALLEY'S REAL LIFE CHURCH. THEY NOW HAVE A WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
8 OF 1300 MEMBERS OF THEIR PARISH AND WILL BE GOING TO A NEW
9 FACILITY THIS SPRING. SO HE'S MARRIED, HAS TWO DAUGHTERS, AND
10 HE'S ALSO AN AVID FAN OF THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS. AND WE WANT
11 TO THANK YOU, PASTOR GEORGE, FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN
12 PRAYER. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S
17 MY PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO THANK PASTOR BAYANI ESPINO, A
18 RETIRED MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES COAST
19 GUARD, THANKING HIM FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF
20 ALLEGIANCE. HE SERVED IN THE COAST GUARD FROM 1964 TO 1993. HE
21 RECEIVED A COAST GUARD GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, A NATIONAL DEFENSE
22 SERVICE MEDAL, AN ANTARCTIC SERVICE MEDAL AND A CUTTERMAN'S
23 PIN. HE CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
24 SECURITY. HE HAS LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR 32 YEARS. HE
25 IS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN AND ONE GRANDCHILD. SO ON



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1 BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR TAKING TIME
2 OUT OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO COME THANK HIM FOR LEADING US IN
3 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO
4 AMERICA. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW I'M GOING TO ASK THE
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
10 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATION
11 AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE AND FILE
12 THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT; HOWEVER, THERE ARE ALSO REQUESTS FROM
13 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THEN WE WILL HOLD THE ITEM.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 4, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1
18 THROUGH 12, ON ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
19 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM NO. 11, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
24 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS
25 ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
3 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
4 SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE NOW ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR,
7 ITEMS 13 THROUGH 68. ON ITEM NO. 14, AS INDICATED ON THE
8 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT
9 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL 6, 2010.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL CONTINUE THAT ITEM.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 18, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 27, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 28,
20 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
21 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 33, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
22 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 38, SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 43,
24 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
25 ITEM.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ONE?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 43. ON ITEM NO. 63, ALTHOUGH THE INTERIM
5 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE
6 CONTINUED TO JUNE 15, 2010, ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, HE IS
7 NOW REQUESTING THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL
8 13, 2010. ON ITEM NO. 64, AGAIN, ALTHOUGH THE INTERIM DIRECTOR
9 OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
10 WEEKS TO APRIL 13, 2010, ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, HE IS NOW
11 REQUESTING THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 15, 2010. ON
12 ITEM NO. 67, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. AND
13 THAT COMPLETES THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE
14 BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE
17 ITEMS THAT ARE HELD AND CONTINUED, THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF
19 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 29, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
22 ITEM NO. 69. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD.
23 THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 - ADVISORY COMMISSIONS
24 AND COMMITTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE
25 COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
3 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
4 SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
7 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
8 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 70-A, THERE'S A
9 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
10 NO. 70-B, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF
11 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 70-C,
12 THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM, MOVED BY MYSELF.
15 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO
16 ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 70-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES
20 THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
21 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 2.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THE FIRST
24 THING THAT WE HAVE IS WE ARE GOING TO WELCOME THIS MORNING THE
25 NEW CONSUL GENERAL AND I'LL ASK HER TO COME UP AND JOIN US.



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1 GOOD MORNING. (OFF MIC). IN LOS ANGELES. IN POLAND, SHE SERVED
2 AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND A CONSULAR AT (INAUDIBLE) TO THE
3 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN 1980 SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER
4 OF THE STUDENT ANTICOMMUNIST MOVEMENT IN POLAND. IN 1985, DUE
5 TO POLITICAL PRESSURE, SHE ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND TO PARIS,
6 WHERE SHE COMPLETED HER POSTGRADUATE STUDIES.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GLORIA, YOUR MIC IS NOT ON?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT ON. SORRY. CAN YOU NOT HEAR ME?
11 ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO TRY TO GO TO THIS ONE. I APOLOGIZE. I
12 DON'T KNOW WHY THEY DON'T HAVE ANYONE UP THERE. CAN YOU HEAR
13 ME NOW?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. COME ON AND JOIN ME.
18 DIFFERENT. WE'RE WELCOMING THIS MORNING, THE HONORABLE JOANNA
19 KOZINSKA-FRYBES, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF POLAND HERE IN LOS
20 ANGELES. AS I STATED, IN POLAND SHE SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR
21 OF THE CONSULAR AND POLISH COMMUNITIES ABROAD IN THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN THE 1980S,
23 SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE, OR AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STUDENT
24 ANTICOMMUNIST MOVEMENT IN POLAND. IN 1985, DUE TO THE
25 POLITICAL PRESSURE, SHE ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND TO PARIS WHERE



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1 SHE COMPLETED POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN 16TH CENTURY LATIN
2 AMERICAN HISTORY. ALSO SHE AND HER HUSBAND FOUNDED AN
3 ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT OF POLISH
4 ANTICOMMUNIST STUDENTS. SHE CONDUCTED HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN
5 FRANCE AND SPAIN AS WELL AS IN MEXICO, GUATEMALA AND PERU. AND
6 SHE LECTURED AT UNIVERSITIES AND SEMINARS THROUGHOUT EUROPE,
7 AS WELL AS LATIN AMERICA. WITH THE TRIUMPH OF THE SOLIDARITY
8 MOVEMENT AND 1989 ELECTIONS, SHE AND HER HUSBAND RETURNED TO
9 POLAND AND BEGAN HER SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
10 AFFAIRS. HER PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING SERVING AS
11 SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE POLISH NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR
12 UNESCO, AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO AND CONSUL GENERAL IN BARCELONA.
13 CONSUL GENERAL, WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO LOS ANGELES. WE'RE
14 VERY PROUD TO HAVE YOU. WE HOPE YOU WILL HAVE A LONG SERVICE
15 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE COULD EVER
16 BE OF ANY HELP TO YOU. WELCOME.

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18 **JOANNA KOZINSKA-FRYBES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO SHARE A FEW WORDS
21 WITH US. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS MIC IS ON YET. YOU'RE GOING TO
22 HAVE TO DO IT FROM HERE. THERE WE GO.

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24 **JOANNA KOZINSKA-FRYBES:** SO HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, IT'S A
25 GREAT, GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO BE RECEIVED IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT



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1 AUTHORITY. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE
2 RECEIVED BY THE GROUP OF SUCH OUTSTANDING PEOPLE. I REMEMBER
3 THE LAST TIME THAT WE MET WAS THE CONSULAR HUB AND ZEV
4 YAROSLAVSKY EXPLAINED TO US HOW THE COUNTY WORKS. AND YOU SAID
5 THAT IT IS THE MOST INTERESTING AND PASSIONATE WORK IN THIS
6 COUNTRY TO BE A SUPERVISOR. AND I UNDERSTOOD THAT. SO JUST
7 FOLLOWING THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTY AND ITS DIVERSITY,
8 I HAVE FOUND THIS GREAT COMMITMENT OF ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND
9 TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY. AND I FOUND THAT THERE ARE
10 DIFFERENT LANDSCAPES, THE NATURAL LANDSCAPES OF THE COUNTY OF
11 10 MILLION PEOPLE, THE SOCIAL LANDSCAPE, THE ETHNIC LANDSCAPE,
12 WHICH IS VERY DIVERSIFIED, ECONOMICAL AND SO ON. AND TO TELL
13 YOU THE TRUTH, IT REMEMBERED ME OF THE MUSIC, ORCHESTRA WHEN
14 YOU WORK IN HARMONY FOR YOUR PEOPLE. SO I'M ADMIRING THAT. AND
15 JUST IN EXCHANGE OF THE WONDERFUL RECOGNITION THAT I HAVE
16 RECEIVED, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU THE HUMBLE GIFT OF MY
17 COUNTRY, POLAND. BECAUSE THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE THE
18 BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF FREDERIC CHOPIN, WHO
19 IS THE GREAT COMPOSER AND WHO WAS ABLE TO COMBINE IN ONE MUSIC
20 ALL THE SONGS FROM POLAND AS YOU DO OF YOUR COUNTY. SO THIS IS
21 --

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

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1 **JOANNA KOZINSKA-FRYBES:** SO THIS IS THE LANDSCAPE OF POLAND. I
2 KNOW THAT YOU ARE PASSIONATE WITH GREEN AND PARKS. SO THIS IS
3 OUR GIFT FOR THE COUNTY AND WITH THE BEST WISH. THANK YOU SO
4 MUCH.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. THANK YOU SO VERY
7 MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THIS WORKING NOW? OH, IT IS. OKAY. VERY
10 GOOD. WELL, THIS MORNING IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE TO HONOR, AS
11 WELL, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S CALIFORNIA
12 TASKFORCE 2 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 HEALTH SERVICES, L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL MISSION TEAM AND
14 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. WOULD YOU APPLAUSE THEM, PLEASE?

15 [APPLAUSE.] AFTER THE ISLAND NATION OF HAITI SUFFERED A
16 MASSIVE 7.0 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE ON JANUARY THE 12TH, CITIZENS
17 AROUND THE GLOBE WERE COMPELLED TO IMMEDIATELY HELP THE
18 DEVASTATED CITY OF PORT-AU-PRINCE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.
19 WE ALL KNOW HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS WERE KILLED AND
20 UNFORTUNATELY MILLIONS HAVE BEEN DISPLACED. AS A NATION, WE
21 WERE TRANSFIXED ON THE IMAGES BROADCAST AROUND THE WORLD. WE
22 RUSHED MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE RED CROSS AND OTHER AGENCIES,
23 AND WE COLLECTIVELY PRAYED THAT LIVES WOULD BE MIRACULOUSLY
24 SAVED. THESE BRAVE INDIVIDUALS ARE HEROES, WITH NO REGARD TO
25 THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY, THEY RUSHED TO HAITI TO JOIN THE RESCUE



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1 EFFORTS. THEY WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK TO RESCUE VICTIMS BURIED
2 IN THE RUBBLE AND THEY CAPTIVATED OUR NATION. EACH AND EVERY
3 ONE OF US, AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS FEEL A SPECIAL
4 PRIDE TODAY AS WE ARE IN AWE OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SO
5 PROUDLY REPRESENTED OUR REGION. THE CALIFORNIA TASKFORCE 2
6 CONSISTED OF TWO DEPLOYMENT TEAMS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
7 BATTALION CHIEF TERRY DEJOURNETT. IS MR. DEJOURNETT HERE? AH,
8 THERE HE IS. ALL RIGHT. THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING NINE
9 LIVES AND WERE VITAL TO THE RESCUE AND THE RECOVERY EFFORTS IN
10 HAITI. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM. THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING
11 JOB AND MADE US SO VERY PROUD. THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. TEAM,
12 HAITI MEDICAL MISSION TEAM WAS LED BY DR. RAMON CESTERO.
13 TOGETHER, THEY TRIAGED, ADMINISTERED ANESTHESIA, PERFORMED AND
14 AMPUTATIONS, RAN AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND WORKED IN
15 EMERGENCY ROOMS. THEY ALSO DESERVE OUR CONGRATULATIONS. WE HAD
16 A VERY OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF
17 APPRECIATION FROM ALL OF US ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I
18 THINK IT'S WELL OVER A MONTH AGO. AND WE HAD PLANNED ON HAVING
19 THIS CELEBRATION A COUPLE OF WEEKS BACK. BUT UNFORTUNATELY
20 BECAUSE THEY HAD TO GET THEMSELVES READY, WE WEREN'T SURE IF
21 THEY WERE GOING TO BE SENT OFF TO CHILE OR NOT. BUT THEY
22 WEREN'T NEEDED, WHICH IS A GOOD THING. AND SO THEY ARE HERE. I
23 DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS ALL OF THEM, BECAUSE WHEN I SAW THEM
24 LAST TIME, WE WERE LIKE A FOOTBALL FIELD THICK OF WONDERFUL,
25 UNBELIEVABLE HEROES. AND WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF THEIR EFFORTS



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1 AND THEIR WORK. WE CONGRATULATE THEM EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR THE
2 WORK THAT THEY DO IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE ALWAYS VERY PROUD OF
3 ALL OF THEIR EFFORTS, THEIR LEADERSHIP, MORE IMPORTANTLY THEIR
4 TRAINING; AND OF COURSE ALL OF US ALWAYS WANT TO WELCOME THEM
5 AND WE'RE SO PROUD OF THEM. AND THEY ARE INTERNATIONAL HEROES.
6 SO CONGRATULATIONS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. YOU DID A TERRIFIC
7 JOB. ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING. [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING TO ASK
8 CHIEF FREEMAN TO JOIN US AND THEN I WILL ASK MR. DEJOURNETT TO
9 SAY A FEW WORDS. (APPLAUSE CONTINUES).

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11 **CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR,
12 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT IS INDEED AN HONOR FOR YOU TO TAKE
13 TIME AND RECOGNIZE THESE GALLANT MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED
14 AS YOU HAVE DESCRIBED. I THINK IT'S NOTABLE, IN ADDITION TO
15 THE TWO DEPLOYMENTS TO HAITI, IT'S ALSO NOTABLE THAT NINE
16 MEMBERS OF THIS TASKFORCE ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY FIRE
17 DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE PHYSICIANS. WE HAVE ONE CANINE SEARCH
18 SPECIALIST AS WELL AS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS THAT ARE PART OF
19 THIS TEAM. I THINK THE OTHER THING THAT'S WORTH NOTING HERE IS
20 WE TRULY EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR WHAT THEY DID IN HAITI,
21 BUT ALSO FOR THE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF HOURS THAT THEY HAVE
22 INVESTED IN THEIR TRAINING, IN THEIR QUALIFICATION TO DO WHAT
23 THEY DO. BUT THE GOOD NEWS FOR ALL OF US HERE IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY IS THAT THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE
25 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THEY SERVE EVERY DAY IN YOUR LOCAL



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1 COMMUNITIES AS FIREFIGHTERS, AS PARAMEDICS AND AS U.S.A.R.
2 TEAM MEMBERS. SO IT'S REALLY GOOD NEWS FOR ALL OF US HERE IN
3 LOS ANGELES. AND, AGAIN, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
4 RECOGNIZING THESE INTERNATIONAL HEROES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THEY'RE TERRIFIC. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET ME ASK THE LEADER OF THE TEAM TO JOIN
9 US AND SAY A FEW WORDS. MR. DEJOURNETT?

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11 **TERRY DEJOURNETT:** I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR
12 CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THIS TEAM. IT'S THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT AND
13 THROUGH THE FIRE CHIEF THAT ALLOWS US TO DO OUR JOB AND GO OUT
14 AND MAKE THESE KIND OF RESCUES. IT'S A TREMENDOUS EVENT THAT
15 HAPPENED IN HAITI. AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND THE SUPPORT
16 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN ALLOWING US TO DO OUR JOB IS
17 JUST OUTSTANDING AND WE APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WARM CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME
20 ASK, IS THE HEAD OF THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. TEAM HERE? PETE, DO
21 YOU WANT TO COME UP AND BRING YOUR TEAM LEADER UP? BECAUSE
22 THEY WERE TERRIFIC. SHARE A FEW WORDS, PLEASE.

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24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON BEHALF OF THE U.S.C. L.A.
25 COUNTY SURGICAL TEAM, IT WAS A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO BE A



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1 PART OF THIS EFFORT. AND WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY DURING THIS TIME. WITHOUT THAT, I DON'T THINK
3 THAT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN NEARLY AS SUCCESSFUL AS WE WERE. SO
4 WE'RE DEEPLY HONORED BY THIS, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
5 ASSISTANCE DURING THIS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] LET'S GIVE
8 THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A FEW
9 WORDS, PETE? OKAY.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
12 YOU MAY NOT KNOW, BUT TODAY IS NATIONAL DOCTORS DAY. ALL OVER
13 THE COUNTRY, PEOPLE ARE PAYING TRIBUTE AND THANKING THEIR
14 MEDICAL STAFF FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY DO IN THEIR
15 COMMUNITY. IT'S VERY FITTING THAT WE RECOGNIZE THESE HEROIC
16 MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TODAY WHO GIVE EVERY DAY GENEROUSLY TO
17 OUR COMMUNITY. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE READY TO PACK UP
18 THEIR BAGS AND GO ANYWHERE IN THE PLANET WHERE THERE IS A
19 NEED. SO CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY DOCTOR DAY, GUYS.

20 [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I WANT TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
23 HE WANTED TO SHARE A FEW WORDS, AS WELL.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, JUST SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ONE OF THE
2 POINTS THAT HAS TO BE MADE, AFTER THESE MEN AND WOMEN RETURNED
3 FROM HAITI, OVER 50 PERCENT OF THEM THEN WENT ON DUTY, BECAUSE
4 OF THE MUDSLIDES WE WERE HAVING IN THE LA CA ADA, LA
5 CRESCENTA, SIERRA MADRE, ALTADENA AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO
6 THESE PEOPLE ARE TRUE PROFESSIONALS DEDICATED TO SAVING LIFE
7 AND PROPERTY, WHICH IS THE FIRST PRIORITY OF THE FIRE
8 DEPARTMENT FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THEY CONTINUE TO EXCEL,
9 WHETHER THEY ARE TIRED, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED AND
10 THEY HAVE GREAT LEADERSHIP UNDER CHIEF MICHAEL FREEMAN AND THE
11 MEN AND WOMEN IN THAT DEPARTMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU ALL WANT TO STAND UP, WE'RE GOING
14 TO TRY AND TAKE A PICTURE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY DIDN'T BRING THE DOGS TODAY. WHAT
17 HAPPENED? THEY'RE HERE? OH THERE THEY ARE. THEY PROBABLY
18 THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO GIVE THEM AWAY. [LAUGHTER.]

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HAVE THEM DO A SEARCH.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CHIEF, DO YOU WANT TO SEE IF YOU CAN GET
23 IN HERE SOMEWHERE?

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25 **SUP. KNABE:** THIS IS TRULY A GROUP PHOTO. [LAUGHTER.]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR
3 PRESENTATIONS.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO CALL ON
6 DEBORAH MARROW AND HER GROUP FROM THE GETTY FOUNDATION? HI.
7 ARE YOU ALONE? YOU'RE ALONE, OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THIS MORNING, I
8 HAVE THE GREAT PRIVILEGE AND THE BOARD HAS THE GREAT HONOR OF
9 HONORING THE GETTY FOUNDATION, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN
10 OCTOBER 1984, AS THE GETTY GRANT PROGRAM IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT
11 PHILANTHROPY AND ART HISTORY, ART CONSERVATION AND MUSEUMS AS
12 PART OF THE MISSION OF THE J. PAUL GETTY TRUST. IN THE LAST 25
13 YEARS, THE FOUNDATION HAS AWARDED MORE THAN 5,000 GRANTS,
14 EXCEEDING \$300 MILLION TO ARTS ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE
15 WORLD. NEARLY HALF OF THEM IN LOS ANGELES, CONSTITUTING NEARLY
16 \$100 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE VISUAL ARTS. THE GETTY
17 FOUNDATION'S GRANTS HAVE ENHANCED THE UNDERSTANDING AND
18 PRESERVATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, EXPANDED
19 ACCESS TO MUSEUM COLLECTIONS, ADVANCED THE PRACTICE OF
20 CONSERVATION, AND PRODUCED CAPABLE NEW LEADERS. THE FOUNDATION
21 HAS BROADENED GLOBAL CONNECTIONS AMONG SCHOLARS AND ITS GRANTS
22 HAVE CATALYZED COLLABORATION LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY AMONG
23 VISUAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, ENHANCING L.A.'S REPUTATION AS A
24 WORLD CLASS CULTURAL CENTER. THE GETTY FOUNDATION IS CURRENTLY
25 LEADING A GROUND BREAKING REGION-WIDE EXPLORATION OF POST-WAR



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1 ART IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ENTITLED PACIFIC STANDARD TIME,
2 ART IN L.A. 1945 THROUGH 1980, DOCUMENTING THE EXTRAORDINARY
3 ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO THE HISTORY
4 OF MODERN ART AND RAISING THE REGION'S CULTURAL PROFILE BOTH
5 NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. SO WITH THE GETTY FOUNDATION
6 CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WANTS TO HIGHLY COMMEND THE FOUNDATION FOR
8 ITS INNUMERABLE CULTURAL AND PHILANTHROPIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND
9 EXTENDS SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF ITS
10 25TH ANNIVERSARY, WITH WARMEST BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED
11 SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME. I BELIEVE YOU WERE THERE IN
12 1984, IS THAT CORRECT?

13

14 **DEBORAH MARROW:** I WAS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU COULD HAVE BEEN.

17

18 **DEBORAH MARROW:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU WERE THERE. AND DEBORAH HELPED FOUND
21 THIS PROGRAM IN 1984. AND AS INDICATED IT'S HAD A HUGE IMPACT
22 BOTH LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD, AWARDING OVER \$300 MILLION
23 IN GRANTS. SO CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY. WE'RE
24 HONORED TO HAVE THE GETTY CULTURAL FAMILY HERE IN LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY AND HEADQUARTERED HERE AND WITH ALL THE GREAT THINGS
2 YOU DO FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **DEBORAH MARROW:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
5 AND THANK YOU TO EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR ON
6 BEHALF OF THE GETTY FOUNDATION. AND I AM VERY PLEASED THAT
7 GETTY TRUST PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. JIM WOOD IS HERE WITH US IN
8 THE AUDIENCE TODAY, ALONG WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF TRUST AND
9 FOUNDATION STAFF. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO CELEBRATE OUR 25TH
10 ANNIVERSARY, AND WE'RE VERY PROUD THAT AT THIS POINT NEARLY
11 \$100 MILLION WORTH OF SUPPORT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE GETTY
12 TO VISUAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
13 AND THAT INCLUDES SIGNATURE PROGRAMS THAT SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY MENTIONED, LIKE OUR MULTICULTURAL UNDERGRADUATE
15 INTERN PROGRAM, WHICH WE'RE VERY PLEASED HAS BEEN IN
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION FOR 10 YEARS. AND
17 WE'RE VERY HAPPY THAT THAT PROGRAM IS CONTINUING. IT ALSO
18 INCLUDES PACIFIC STANDARD TIME, THROUGH WHICH 40 MUSEUMS AND
19 VISUAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WILL
20 SIMULTANEOUSLY PRESENT EXHIBITIONS ABOUT POST WORLD WAR II ART
21 IN L.A. BEGINNING IN FALL 2011. AND THESE PROGRAMS ARE JUST
22 ONE ASPECT OF THE GETTY'S OUTREACH, NOT JUST THE FOUNDATION,
23 BUT THE GETTY AS A WHOLE INTO OUR HOME COMMUNITY. AND WE LOOK
24 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ARTS ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY



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1 IN THE YEARS TO COME. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR.
2 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DEBORAH. WHERE IS JIM
5 WOOD? STAND UP SO WE CAN RECOGNIZE YOU AND RON HARTWIG?
6 [APPLAUSE.] RON HARTWIG IS HERE. I THINK I SEE HIM. IS HE
7 HERE? RON, STAND UP. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. [APPLAUSE.]
8 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
13 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, A COUPLE VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
14 TODAY, AS WELL. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO CALL MR. TOM MONE,
15 WHO IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ONELEGACY TO JOIN ME. IN
16 ADDITION, WE HAVE CORA JOHNSON, A DEAR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR.
17 AND ONE OF THE REASONS I HAVE "DONOR" ON MY DRIVER'S LICENSE,
18 I'M AN OFFICIAL DONOR NOW BECAUSE OF HER AND MY WIFE. HEIDI
19 AGUILAR, ADAM TELLER. AND WE JUST WANT -- THIS IS THE DONATE
20 LIFE CALIFORNIA CELEBRATION. ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION IS A
21 LIFE GIVING AND RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE AS THE GREATEST
22 EXPRESSION OF COMPASSION THERE CAN BE. NEARLY 100 INDIVIDUALS
23 NATIONWIDE AND MORE THAN 20,000 HERE IN CALIFORNIA ARE
24 CURRENTLY ON THE NATIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT WAIT LIST. AND
25 EVERY 90 MINUTES, ONE PERSON DIES WHILE WAITING FOR A DONATED



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1 ORGAN. EACH YEAR, NEARLY 30,000 LIVES ARE SAVED AND THE
2 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOUSANDS MORE ARE ENHANCED BY ORGAN AND
3 TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION. A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL'S
4 DONATION OF THE HEART, LUNGS, LIVER, KIDNEYS, PANCREAS AND
5 SMALL INTESTINES CAN SAVE UP TO EIGHT LIVES. AND A DONATION OF
6 TISSUE CAN SAVE AND HEAL UP TO 50 OTHERS. THE SOUTHERN
7 CALIFORNIA DONATE LIFE RUN/WALK SUPPORTS PUBLIC AWARENESS AND
8 ENROLLMENT EFFORTS FOR THE DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA ORGAN AND
9 TISSUE DONOR REGISTRY. THEY HOST A FULL DAY OF COMPETITIVE
10 RUNNING, HONORARY WALKING, FAMILY FESTIVITIES. AND MORE
11 IMPORTANTLY, PROVIDE THE VITAL INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO
12 DONATE LIFE. THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY
13 1 AT CAL STATE FULLERTON. SO ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND
14 MYSELF, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO
15 TOM AND HIS CREW THAT ARE UP HERE TODAY AND TO REMIND
16 EVERYBODY OF NOT ONLY THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A DONOR BUT TO
17 ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE, TO REMEMBER
18 THE DATE AT CAL STATE FULLERTON. SO WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
19 FOR ALL YOU DO TO RAISE THE AWARENESS OF DONATE LIFE
20 CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **TOM MONE:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR
23 THIS, FOR HONORING DONATE LIFE MONTH AND GETTING THE MONTH
24 KICKED OFF WITH A TREMENDOUS CELEBRATION HERE AT THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. AND THANK YOU ALL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.



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1 AND, FRANKLY, ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS FOR L.A.
2 COUNTY, THE FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS, THE DOCTORS, NURSES AND
3 STAFF AT THE COUNTY HOSPITALS, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER CORONER'S
4 OFFICE, ALL WHO WORK TOGETHER TO HELP FAMILIES GIVE GREATER
5 MEANING TO A LIFE CUT SHORT, AND OBVIOUSLY THE GIFT OF LIFE TO
6 RECIPIENTS WHOSE LIVES ARE SO MUCH MORE FULFILLED AND THEY'RE
7 ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF THIS GIFT OF
8 LIFE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO NOW INTRODUCE CORA JOHNSON, WHOSE
9 HUSBAND WAS A RECIPIENT OF THIS GIFT OF LIFE.

10

11 **CORA JOHNSON:** THANK YOU, TOM, AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE
12 SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY MY NEIGHBOR, DON. NINE YEARS AGO,
13 MY HUSBAND LAY DYING IN THE HOSPITAL WAITING FOR A NEW HEART.
14 AND FINALLY A FAMILY CAME FORTH WITH A GIFT OF LIFE AND GAVE
15 MY HUSBAND ANOTHER 8-1/2 YEARS TO LIVE AND GIVE BACK TO THE
16 COMMUNITY WITH HELPING PEOPLE WHO HAVE HEART PROBLEMS. AND SO
17 I'M PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO DONATE LIFE AND ONE LEGACY FOR
18 HELPING US GET THROUGH THIS AND THE GIFT OF LIFE. AS
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE SAID, MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE ARE WAITING
20 FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE OF ORGANS AND TISSUE. THAT'S MORE THAN
21 THE ROSE BOWL IS. THAT'S MORE THAN THE ROSE BOWL CAN HOLD, IF
22 YOU CAN IMAGINE THAT. SO PLEASE THINK ABOUT HAVING ON YOUR
23 LICENSE THE EMBEDDED PINK DOT. AND YOU CAN SIGN UP AT THE
24 D.M.V. OR YOU CAN GO TO WWW.DONATELIFECALIFORNIA.ORG AND GET



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1 ON THE CALIFORNIA REGISTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND THANK YOU
2 FOR KEEPING DONATE LIFE IN YOUR HEARTS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE
5 FOUNDER OF WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY, MR. JOSE RAMOS,
6 AND HIS WIFE, SYLVIA. JOINING THEM IS JAMIE ZAMORA, WHO IS
7 REPRESENTING CONGRESSWOMAN LINDA SANCHEZ, VETERAN JOE LEO AND
8 VIETNAM VETERANS RAYMOND RAMIREZ AND MENO SORRANO. WE ALSO
9 HAVE WITH US COUNCILMEMBER BOB ARCHULETA AND PHILIP RAMIREZ.
10 AS WE ALL KNOW, THE VIETNAM WAR WAS FOUGHT FROM 1961 TO 1975.
11 AND THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO SERVED IN THE WAR WAS
12 APPROXIMATELY 2.7 MILLION. MORE THAN 58,000 SOLDIERS LOST
13 THEIR LIVES AND MORE THAN 300,000 WERE WOUNDED. ON MARCH 30,
14 1973, THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES COMPLETED THE WITHDRAWAL
15 OF COMBAT TROOPS FROM VIETNAM. MILITARY MEMBERS WHO SERVED
16 BRAVELY AND FAITHFULLY FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DURING
17 THE WAR, WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD, WERE MET WITH MIXED
18 EMOTIONS UPON THEIR RETURN HOME AND WERE NEVER ADEQUATELY
19 HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY. JOSE
20 ESTABLISHED AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE
21 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR BY
22 ORIGINATING A WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY. LAST YEAR,
23 AFTER 10 YEARS OF HARD WORK, WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY
24 OFFICIALLY BECAME CALIFORNIA LAW AS A.B.717 WAS SIGNED BY
25 GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER. THIS PAST SUNDAY, MARCH 28, WE



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1 ONCE AGAIN ENJOYED A CELEBRATION, INCLUDING MANY FESTIVITIES,
2 VETERAN RESOURCES AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL. SO ON BEHALF OF
3 THE BOARD -- AND I MIGHT ADD, BEFORE I PRESENT THE SCROLL, AS
4 PART OF THIS, A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT OF RECOGNITION TO
5 CONGRESSWOMAN LINDA SANCHEZ. WHEN JOSE MADE THIS EFFORT AND HE
6 BICYCLED ACROSS -- HE DIDN'T FLY, HE DIDN'T DRIVE. HE BICYCLED
7 ACROSS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO
8 KNOCK ON DOORS IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS. AND CONGRESSWOMAN
9 LINDA SANCHEZ BEGAN THE CALL AND ANSWERED THE CALL AND WORD
10 SPREAD VERY RAPIDLY SO THAT JOSE AND SYLVIA WERE -- ACTUALLY I
11 TOLD THE STORY THE OTHER DAY. JOSE WAS SIX FOOT EIGHT BEFORE
12 HE STARTED PEDALING ACROSS AMERICA. [LAUGHTER.] BUT,
13 SERIOUSLY, YOU JUST HAVE TO SEE THE FACES OF THE VIETNAM
14 VETERANS TO COME HOME AND BE A PART OF THIS VERY SPECIAL
15 CELEBRATION THAT WE NOW RECOGNIZE EACH AND EVERY YEAR OUT AT
16 CAL HIGH IN WHITTIER. IT'S A SPECIAL TIME. IT'S A SPECIAL
17 EFFORT. AND MANY PEOPLE, A LOT OF HARD WORK FROM THE
18 CONGRESSWOMAN'S STAFF, FROM MY STAFF AND OTHERS TO MAKE THIS
19 DAY A VERY SPECIAL REALITY. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE ONCE
20 AGAIN LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO JOSE AND THE ENTIRE
21 WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR
22 TIRELESS EFFORTS, DEDICATION, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AND
23 PROCLAIM TODAY, MARCH 30, 2010, AS WELCOME HOME VIETNAM
24 VETERANS DAY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE



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1 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. JOSE,
2 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **JOSE RAMOS:** FELLOW VIETNAM VETERAN AND SUPERVISOR DON KNABE,
5 AND HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS, I THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE
6 TODAY. TODAY IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT DAY, NOT JUST FOR THE
7 PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE, BUT FOR EVERY VIETNAM VETERAN IN
8 AMERICA. WE SAW A MOMENT AGO HOW OUR SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM,
9 OUR MEDICAL TEAM WENT TO HAITI AND HELPED IN THE RESCUE OF
10 MANY, MANY OTHER HUMAN BEINGS. WELL, 40 YEARS AGO, THE VIETNAM
11 VETERAN DID A SIMILAR THING, EXCEPT THEY HAD TO WAIT 40 SOME
12 YEARS FOR AMERICA TO RECOGNIZE THEM, THANK THEM AND WELCOME
13 THEM HOME. TODAY WE BEGIN THIS CHANGE. TODAY NOT ONLY IN THE
14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BUT WE'VE LIT A TORCH WHERE WE'RE GOING
15 TO CARRY THIS TRADITION ALL THE WAY ACROSS AMERICA WHERE EVERY
16 VIETNAM VETERAN IN AMERICA CAN COME OUT, STAND TALL, STAND
17 PROUD AND BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR HONORABLE SERVICE.
18 CONGRESSWOMAN LINDA SANCHEZ WAS INSTRUMENTAL, AND FELLOW
19 VIETNAM VETERAN AND SUPERVISOR, DON KNABE WAS ALSO VERY, VERY
20 INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING US TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED.
21 WE CONTINUE TO SERVE IN AMERICA. WE CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE DO.
22 AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE STAND PROUD AND HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR
23 THE NEW VETERANS THAT ARE COMING HOME TODAY WHERE NEVER AGAIN
24 WILL AMERICA EVER BLAME THE MESSENGER FOR THE MESSAGE. WE WILL
25 ALWAYS BRING HOME OUR VETERANS, HONOR THEM WITH DIGNITY AND



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1 WITH THE PRIDE THAT THEY DESERVE. SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD
2 PRESENT YOU WITH A SCROLL? THIS IS ON BEHALF OF THE WELCOME
3 HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY. AND WE PRESENT IT TO YOU PROUDLY.
4 THANK YOU FOR BEING A VETERAN. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO
5 SERVE. AND THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR BROTHER. GOD BLESS YOU AND
6 WELCOME HOME, BROTHER. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ALSO WANTED TO -
9 - BRUCE LAZENBY FROM ROSE HILLS CEMETERY IS HERE, AS WELL. AND
10 FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY. HOW MANY
11 MORE DAYS?

12

13 **BRUCE LAZENBY:** TODAY'S THE DAY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** TODAY'S THE LAST DAY. WE'RE HAVING A CEREMONY AT
16 4:00 THIS AFTERNOON OUT THERE. BUT BRUCE HAS ESTIMATED MORE
17 THAN 50 OR 60,000 VISITORS FOR THE FIRST TIME TO COORDINATE
18 ALL THIS, THE REMOTE VIETNAM WALL. MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN TO
19 THE WALL IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THERE IS A TRAVELING WALL. AND IT
20 IS NOW AT ROSE HILL CEMETERY AND WILL BE OUT THERE THROUGH THE
21 END, THROUGH SUNDOWN TONIGHT. SO IF YOU HAVE A LAST-MINUTE
22 CHANCE TO GET OUT THERE, IT IS A VERY, VERY MOVING EXPERIENCE.
23 I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT TOOK A LONG
24 TIME, AND PEOPLE LIKE JOSE AND HIS WIFE AND OTHERS, YOU KNOW,



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1 REALLY MADE THIS DAY HAPPEN. AND WELCOME HOME. GOD BLESS
2 AMERICA. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MICHAEL AND DEE DEE? THIS IS A SAD DAY, BUT
7 ONE WHERE WE RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SPENT HIS CAREER
8 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROVIDING EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT, SUPERB
9 LEADERSHIP, NOT JUST IN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, BUT IN
10 ALSO THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES THAT HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH,
11 HAS CHAIRED, BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEES DEALING WITH
12 LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION, INTERACTING WITH ALL
13 MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY AND THE LEGAL COMMUNITY. AND AS
14 STATED WHEN I MADE A PRESENTATION TO MICHAEL WHEN HE RECEIVED
15 THE METROPOLITAN NEWSPAPER AWARD EARLIER IN JANUARY, THIS
16 COUNTY IS VERY, VERY UNIQUE. VERY ARE VERY UNIQUE. THIS IS A
17 COUNTY UNLIKE OTHER COUNTIES OR EVEN OTHER STATES WHERE THE
18 PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE COUNTY SHERIFF,
19 ALONG WITH THE PRESIDING JUDGE, MEMBERS OF THE COURT, MEMBERS
20 OF THE FEDERAL COURT, ARE ABLE TO SIT AROUND AT A TABLE AND
21 COME TO AGREEMENTS AS TO HOW TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE FAIR
22 JUSTICE WITHIN THIS SYSTEM. MICHAEL WAS GOING TO BE RETIRING
23 AFTER SERVING NEARLY FOUR DECADES AT THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES. HIS GRADUATE DEGREE AND HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE WAS
25 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES. HE WAS THE



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1 RECIPIENT OF THE LAUREN MILLER AWARD, THE JOHN LANGSTON BAR
2 LAWYER OF THE YEAR IN 1998, AND FORMER TRUSTEE OF THE LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION. AND THEN 2009, PERSON OF THE
4 YEAR FROM THE "METROPOLITAN NEWS- ENTERPRISE" NEWSPAPER. SOME
5 OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDED THE L.A. COUNTY DRUG COURT
6 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, VICE CHAIRMAN OF BRINGING THE DRUG COURT
7 CONCEPT TO THE COUNTY AND DEVELOPING 13 SUCCESSFUL DRUG
8 COURTS, INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADVISORY BODY WHERE HE WAS THE
9 CHAIRMAN, CREATING A COLLABORATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
10 INFORMATION ENTERPRISE WHICH INVOLVED PROBATION, THE LOS
11 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE COURTS, THE SHERIFF, THE
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN THIS
13 COUNTY. THE PUBLIC INTEGRITY ASSURANCE SECTION, WHERE HE
14 CREATED A SECTION DEDICATED TO UNCOVERING WRONGFUL
15 CONVICTIONS, SECURING REVERSALS, IDENTIFYING TRAINING AND
16 JUSTICE REFORM PROPOSALS PREVENTING REOCCURRENCE. SO HE'S BEEN
17 A REAL VITAL COMPONENT. BUT HIS SECRET WEAPON HAS BEEN HIS
18 WIFE DEE DEE. SHE'S THE ONE WHO HAS THE PIZZAZZ AND STRONG
19 SUPPORT FOR MICHAEL TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS AND
20 DEDICATION THAT HE HAS PROVIDED OUR COUNTY OVER THESE MANY,
21 MANY, MANY YEARS. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE. WHEN I WAS CHAIRMAN OF
22 THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION, TO WORK WITH MICHAEL AND THE OTHER
23 MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE AS WE ADDRESSED THE VARIOUS
24 ISSUES. AND, AGAIN, MICHAEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROACTIVE THERE AT
25 THE TABLE PROVIDING CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS AND HAVING THOSE



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1 ADOPTED IN POLICY AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THIS BOARD HAS
2 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TIME AFTER TIME TO BE SENT TO STATE
3 LEGISLATURE AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR THEIR SUPPORT.
4 SO, MICHAEL, CONGRATULATIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO
5 HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WORKING WITH YOU.

6

7 **MICHAEL JUDGE:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] I MUST SAY, IT'S HARD TO
8 LOOK BACK AND REALIZE HOW MUCH TIME IT'S BEEN. IT SEEMS LIKE
9 IT WENT AWFULLY FAST. FROM THE '60S AND ACTUALLY I'VE BEEN IN
10 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE DURING PORTIONS OF SIX DECADES
11 NOW. I ONLY CAN REALIZE HOW MUCH TIME THAT IS IF I GO BACK
12 SPECIFICALLY AND THINK THROUGH YEAR BY YEAR THE KINDS OF
13 THINGS THAT I WAS PRIVILEGED TO DO WITHIN THE PUBLIC
14 DEFENDER'S OFFICE. AND THEN IT SORT OF HITS HOME. BUT I HAVE
15 HERE A STAFF OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN AND MEN, DEDICATED, VERY
16 HIGHLY SKILLED AND COMPETENT, WHO HAVE REALLY ACCOMPLISHED THE
17 THINGS THAT I GET THE CREDIT FOR. AND WHETHER IT'S RECRUITING,
18 HIRING, ABLE TO ACHIEVE AN EXTRAORDINARY DIVERSE WORKFORCE,
19 VERY TALENTED. WE SERVE ALL THESE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES AND
20 CONNECT VERY WELL WITH THEM BECAUSE OF THIS STAFF. A WONDERFUL
21 CHIEF DEPUTY, BOB KALUNIAN, WHO HELPS MANAGE THINGS DOWNTOWN
22 AND THE OUTLYING AREAS. I ALSO HAVE THE CHIEF DEPUTY OF THE
23 WESTERN WHITE HOUSE HERE, MY WIFE, DOLORES. I WANT TO SAY ONE
24 THING THAT I REALLY KIND OF BROUGHT IT HOME THIS PAST WEEKEND.
25 THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA WAS CONSIDERING RULES REVISIONS.



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1 AND THEY HAD A TWO-DAY MEETING THAT I PARTICIPATED IN BY
2 TELECONFERENCE. AND THEIR CONCERN WAS THIS: THAT LAWYERS WERE
3 REFUSING TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENTS IN A FAIR NUMBER OF CASES
4 WHERE THEY FELT THAT THE CLIENT WAS UNPOPULAR, THE ALLEGATIONS
5 WERE CERTAINLY UNPLEASANT, AND WHETHER THE PERSON WAS INNOCENT
6 OR NOT, THEY DIDN'T KNOW, THEY JUST DIDN'T WANT TO BE
7 INVOLVED. MAYBE IT WOULD AFFECT THEIR FUTURE EFFORTS TO GET ON
8 THE BENCH OR COUNTRY CLUB OR IMPACT THEIR CURRENT CLIENTS OR
9 FUTURE CLIENTS. BUT I EXPLAINED TO THE STATE BAR THAT WE
10 DIDN'T HAVE THAT CONCERN. WE REPRESENT THE INNOCENT AND THE
11 GUILTY ALIKE AND WE MAKE SURE THEY'RE TREATED FAIRLY. BUT NOT
12 ONLY THAT, THE BAR WANTED TO FIND A SAFETY VALVE TO LET THESE
13 LAWYERS NOT TAKE THESE CASES. AND THAT'S WHY I ADDRESSED THE
14 STATE BAR. I SAID WE DO NOT WANT A SAFETY VALVE. WE WANT TO BE
15 THERE TO ENSURE THAT THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACCUSED GET A FAIR
16 PROCESS AND THAT WE SEPARATE THE INNOCENT FROM THE GUILTY AND
17 THOSE WHO ARE GUILTY ARE ONLY PUNISHED FOR THE THINGS THEY
18 DID. AND AFTER HEARING THAT, IT TOOK SEVERAL HOURS TO CONVINCE
19 THEM, THEY DECIDED TO EXEMPT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE FROM
20 THAT SO-CALLED SAFETY VALVE BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT WE ARE THE
21 ONES WHO STAND FOR INNOCENT PEOPLE AND GUILTY PEOPLE WHO ARE
22 POOR, BETWEEN UNFAIR TREATMENT AND IMPRISONMENT WHEN THEY'RE
23 INNOCENT AND MAYBE EVEN EXECUTION WHEN THEY'RE INNOCENT. WE'RE
24 THE ONES WHO STAND THERE. AND I'M SO PROUD OF MY STAFF, ALL
25 THE ONES WHO AREN'T HERE. THEY DO A FANTASTIC JOB. AND I AM SO



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1 PLEASED ABOUT MY CAREER. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ENJOYS DOING
2 WHAT HE'S DOING WHEN I GO AND MEET WITH PEOPLE AT THE REUNIONS
3 AT U.C.L.A. LAW SCHOOL. [LAUGHTER.] NO ONE ELSE WANTS TO
4 PRACTICE LAW ANYMORE. THEY ALL WANT TO DO DEALS AND BE
5 INVOLVED IN ENTERTAINMENT. BUT MY CAREER HAS BEEN FULFILLING
6 AND I'VE NEVER LOST IT AND I LOVE IT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** COULD WE ADD A FEW WORDS? I CAN'T JUST
9 BEGIN TO TELL YOU, MICHAEL, HOW MUCH -- I THINK IT'S BEEN ALL
10 THE YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE THAT YOU HAVE SERVED IN THIS
11 POSITION. AND IT IS THE BEST MANAGED. I MEAN, JUST IS OUTPUT
12 IS UNBELIEVABLE. YOUR ADVICE, YOUR COUNSEL TO US, YOUR BUDGET,
13 EVERY PART OF IT HAS JUST BEEN MASTERFUL. I APPLAUD YOUR
14 LEADERSHIP, YOUR ROLE. I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU WHAT A
15 TREMENDOUS SERVICE YOU'VE BEEN TO ALL OF US AND TO L.A.
16 COUNTY. YOU'RE TERRIFIC. ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIC.

17

18 **MICHAEL JUDGE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD JUST SHARE IN THAT ACCOLADE,
21 AS WELL. I MEAN, NOT JUST FROM THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF
22 YOUR DEPARTMENT AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH ALL OF US,
23 BUT IN LEADERSHIP ROLES AND MANY OTHER CAPACITIES, LIKE THE
24 C.C.J.C.C., ALWAYS STEPPING FORWARD TO BE A VERY ACTIVE PART
25 OF THAT, AS WELL, TOO. SO TO BOTH OF YOU, JUST ENJOY IT. GOOD



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1 HEALTH AND THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE ON BEHALF OF THE
2 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

3

4 **MICHAEL JUDGE:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD JUST SAY DITTO. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE CARL DEELEY,
9 WHO IS THE SHERIFF'S COMMANDER, AND HIS WIFE, JUDY, WHO IS NOW
10 RETIRING AFTER 35 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT, SERVING OUR 10.5 MILLION RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY
12 OF LOS ANGELES. AS THE COMMANDER OF FIELD OPERATIONS FOR
13 REGION 1 HEADQUARTERS, HIS REGION HAS COVERED THE EIGHT NORTH
14 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF STATIONS, PROVIDING POLICE SERVICES TO THE
15 CONTRACT CITIES AND THE SURROUNDING UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
16 IN THE VAST AREA STRETCHING FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TO
17 MALIBU AND EAST LOS ANGELES TO LANCASTER. HIS CAREER BEGAN IN
18 1975 WORKING FULL-TIME FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC IN
19 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE TO ACHIEVE
20 HIS CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT DEGREE. IN 1978, HE BEGAN WORK
21 AT CENTRAL JAIL WHEN HE GRADUATED FROM THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT TRAINING ACADEMY AND RETURNED AS A DEPUTY WITH
23 TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS AT LENNOX, RECRUITING TRAINING BUREAU AND
24 THE SHERIFF'S INFORMATION BUREAU. IN NOVEMBER OF '93 HE WAS
25 PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT AND ASSIGNED TO THE



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1 PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER. AND IN APRIL OF 2003 PROMOTED TO
2 THE RANK OF CAPTAIN AND SPENT THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AT LANCASTER
3 STATION UNTIL HIS PROMOTION TO COMMANDER ON APRIL 6, 2008. HE
4 ATTENDED COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
5 NORTHRIDGE. AND DURING HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER, HE WAS
6 AWARDED A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, MERITORIOUS SERVICE
7 AWARD AND THE MERITORIOUS CONDUCT MEDICAL GOLD. HE RESIDES IN
8 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WITH HIS WIFE, JUDY, AND THEY HAVE
9 TWO MARRIED SONS AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN. HE ENJOYS HIS TIME
10 WITH HIS FAMILY, RIDING HIS MOTORCYCLE AND ROOTING FOR THE --
11 IS THAT THE LOS ANGELES OR THE OAKLAND RAIDERS? [LAUGHTER.]
12 AND READING. SO HE'S BEEN ON THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR 10-4
13 MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH TO PEACE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
14 AND SO IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU. AND I KNOW MY
15 DEPUTIES HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU IMMENSELY. AND WE WISH
16 YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HOPE YOU STAY INVOLVED IN OUR
17 COMMUNITY.

18
19 **CARL DEELEY:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **CARL DEELEY:** WELL IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE
22 THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW FAST 32 YEARS
23 GOES. I BELIEVE IT'S ACTUALLY 35 ABOUT MY TIME WITH THE PARKS.
24 BUT I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT RECEIVES FROM THE BOARD AND THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE.



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1 IT'S BEEN AN ABSOLUTE PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THE MEN AND
2 WOMEN. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE GROUP OF PEOPLE ON THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT. I KNOW WHEN I STARTED, THERE WAS ONLY ABOUT 5,000
4 EMPLOYEES. WE'RE UP TO 18,000 NOW. AND WE HAVE SOME INCREDIBLE
5 PARTNERS THROUGHOUT ALL THE DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE
6 FIRE DEPARTMENT WE WORK WITH ALL THE TIME, BUT EVERYONE. AND
7 I'VE REALLY HAD A CHANCE FOR THE FIRST TIME TO REALLY KNOW THE
8 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE INCREDIBLE WORK THEY'VE
9 BEEN DOING IN THE FLOOD PREVENTION UP THERE IN THE MOUNTAINS
10 AREAS AND IT'S BEEN A REAL PRIVILEGE TO GET TO KNOW THEM OVER
11 THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME AND
12 IT'S BEEN A GREAT 35 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY. AND I WISH YOU ALL
13 CONTINUED SUCCESS AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.
14 AND I SPENT ALMOST 15 YEARS WORKING IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT WITH
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO HELP ME
16 OUT. AND I APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL
19 WHO HAS ALSO RECENTLY RETIRED, AND HE HAS BEEN MY DEPUTY FOR
20 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS AND THAT'S J.
21 GOMEZ AND KATHY GOMEZ IS HERE, HIS WIFE, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER
22 A DISTINGUISHED 38 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH WITH A CAREER OF LOS
23 ANGELES. J. WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SERVED
24 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FOR TWO YEARS, HONORABLY DISCHARGED
25 AND RECEIVED A RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART. HIS CAREER WITH



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1 THE COUNTY BEGAN IN '72 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
2 RESOURCES. AND THEN IN 1998 HE JOINED MY OFFICE AS A FIELD
3 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHERE HE MANAGED THE
4 SAN DIMAS FIELD OFFICE SERVING AS MY LIAISON TO THE CITIES OF
5 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE GATEWAY AREA AND ATTENDING THE
6 VARIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS, ORGANIZING THE "REMEMBER OUR
7 VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE" EVENT
8 THAT WE HOLD EACH MEMORIAL DAY AT ARCADIA PARK. AND THEN IN
9 2003, WAS APPOINTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL MONTE AND THEN
10 ELECTED BY THE VOTERS IN 2005. AND WAS JUST RECENTLY ELECTED
11 IN 2009 AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL. AND J.'S FAMILY AND
12 MY FAMILY ARE VERY CLOSE BECAUSE HIS FATHER AND MY FATHER
13 WORKED TOGETHER MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, BEFORE EITHER OF US WERE
14 CONCEIVED. AND WE ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD, AS I ALWAYS MENTION
15 THIS EVERY CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE MORNING, HIS FATHER, MR.
16 GOMEZ, WOULD BE AT OUR HOME WITH THE NICE TAMALES THAT WERE
17 JUST MADE. AND THAT WAS OUR CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST BEFORE WE
18 OPENED OUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND WENT TO CHURCH. SO, J, ONCE
19 AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. AND I KNOW YOUR
20 INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CITY OF EL MONTE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO
21 PROVIDE THEM MORE EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP FROM THE
22 EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE PROVIDED THE COUNTY OF LOS
23 ANGELES AND WITH YOUR NUMBER ONE SUPPORTER BEHIND YOU, KATHY,
24 IS A GREAT, GREAT FRIEND, GREAT WIFE AND GREAT FIRST LADY OF
25 EL MONTE. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MAY I SAY A FEW
3 WORDS ABOUT J.? WE'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERFACE FROM
4 TIME TO TIME, BUT WE REALLY WANT TO THANK HIM. HE WAS
5 UNBELIEVABLY HELPFUL AS WE BORDER THERE IN THE SAN GABRIEL
6 AREA. MY STAFF OVER AND OVER TALK ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS
7 ASSISTANCE AND THE HELP AND THE GUIDANCE AND ALL OF IT. WE
8 REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR WORK, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE WENT
9 BACK AND LOOKED AT THE MCLAREN MEDICAL HUB AND ALL OF IT. AND
10 WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH HIM AS HE CONTINUES TO
11 PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN EL MONTE. BUT ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT AND
12 THANK YOU SO MUCH. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW OFTEN I'VE HEARD FROM
13 MY STAFF ABOUT HOW MUCH THEY LOVE AND APPRECIATE ALL THE GREAT
14 WORK THAT YOU DO WITH THEM. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

15

16 **JUVENTINO "J." GOMEZ:** IF I MAY. AFTER 38 YEARS IN THE COUNTY,
17 I HAVE ABOUT TWO HOURS OF A SPEECH TO GIVE RIGHT NOW. I'M JUST
18 KIDDING. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? WITH ALL MY HEART I WANT TO
19 THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR LETTING ME TAKE PART IN THIS
20 JOURNEY WITH HIS OFFICE FOR 12 YEARS. NOT ONLY WAS IT JUST
21 PHENOMENAL TO BE ABLE TO WORK FOR HIM, BUT WITH THE STAFF THAT
22 HE HAS HERE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR, ALL HIS FIELD OFFICES,
23 SPECIFICALLY THE SAN DIMAS FIELD OFFICE, ALL THOSE STAFF ARE
24 JUST PHENOMENAL. ALL THE BOARD OFFICES. AND LET ME COMMEND ALL
25 THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I WILL PUT



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1 ANY COUNTY EMPLOYEE AGAINST ANYBODY. THEY'RE THE BEST OUT
2 THERE. THEY DO A LOT OF WORK. AND I JUST THINK THAT THEY'RE
3 THE BEST THERE IS. WITH ME TODAY I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME
4 PEOPLE. FIRST OF ALL AND FOREMOST IS MY WIFE, KATHY, WHO
5 STANDS BY ME ALL THE TIME AND KEEPS ME GOING, SOMETIMES WHEN I
6 WANT TO SLOW DOWN SHE KIND OF KICKS ME IN THE BUTT, SAYS,
7 "COME ON, YOU GOT TO GO TO WORK." BUT SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN
8 GREAT AND A GREAT SUPPORTER. WITH ME ALSO, SOME CLOSE FRIENDS
9 OF MINE, REX WHITE, MARIE CRUZ TREVINO BEHIND ME, PHIL AND
10 MONICA SMITH. WE HAVE -- WHO ELSE DO WE HAVE WITH US? I HAVE
11 SOME OF MY CITY OF EL MONTE STAFF. MY CITY MANAGER, RENE
12 BOBADILLA, MY CITY ATTORNEY, DAVE GONDEK. MY ASSISTANT CHIEF
13 OF POLICE, STEVE SCHUSTER. AND THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC
14 DEVELOPMENT, JESUS, OR BETTER KNOWN AS JESUS GOMEZ. BUT I JUST
15 WANTED TO THANK EVERYBODY. THANK YOU AGAIN. SUPERVISOR
16 ANTONOVICH, THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU AND ALL THE GREAT WORK
17 YOU DO. THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR? MA'AM MADAM CHAIR CAN I? ABSOLUTELY.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** J., I JUST WANTED TO ADD JUST BRIEFLY. OBVIOUSLY
22 YOU AND I GO BACK TO STAFF TO STAFF DAYS, AS WELL. WE'VE HAD
23 THIS GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT. AND I'VE
24 ALWAYS APPRECIATED NOT ONLY WHAT YOU DO ON BEHALF OF MIKE AND



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1 THE COUNTY BUT ON BEHALF OF VETERANS, AS WELL, TOO, AND YOUR
2 STRONG SUPPORT THERE. SO GOD BLESS YOU. ENJOY RETIREMENT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF OUR GREAT
7 STUDENTS IN THE D.C.F.S. ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE
8 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THIS IS PURSUANT TO A
9 PROGRAM I INITIATED BACK IN 1996 WHERE WE RECOGNIZED THESE
10 EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES. WE ALL KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING INVOLVED AND
12 ENCOURAGING OUR STUDENTS TO DO BETTER IN SCHOOL BECAUSE IT'S
13 ONLY THROUGH EDUCATION THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND
14 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VAST OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE IN THIS
15 WORLD. SO FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP TAMIKA WILLIAMS FOR
16 BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.

17 [APPLAUSE.] WE ALSO HAVE A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM BARNES
18 AND NOBLE THAT IS BEING PRESENTED TO OUR RECIPIENTS, AS WELL.
19 OUR NEXT RECIPIENT FOR BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS ASHLEY
20 HASBOWN. [APPLAUSE.] MARTHA GONZALEZ, BEST ACADEMIC
21 ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS ANGEL BITRICE KOZART, FOR
22 BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.] MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC
23 ACHIEVEMENT, CAESAR GOMEZ. [APPLAUSE.] AND MOST IMPROVED
24 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, GERALDO GOMEZ. [APPLAUSE.] THEY DONATE



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1 THE GIFT CERTIFICATES EACH QUARTER FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND
2 WE REALLY APPRECIATE THEIR LEADERSHIP.

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4 **SPEAKER:** I REPRESENT THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNITED, AND THIS
5 IS A PROGRAM THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING FOR PROBABLY 15 YEARS,
6 GIVING OUT THESE GIFT CERTIFICATES. SO IT'S ALWAYS BEEN OUR
7 HONOR TO DO THAT. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US PARTICIPATE.
8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M TRISH PLOEHN WITH
11 D.C.F.S., AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE
12 ENTIRE BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE EXCELLENT EFFORTS AND THE
13 OUTSTANDING RESULTS OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY TRULY ARE OUR
14 FUTURE AND I WANT TO THANK, ON BEHALF OF D.C.F.S., NOT ONLY
15 THEM BUT THEIR FAMILIES FOR MAKING EDUCATION A PRIORITY IN
16 THEIR LIFE. WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
17 YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A LITTLE TERRIER MIX, DAISY, WHO IS
22 TWO YEARS OLD. LITTLE DAISY, LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO ANYBODY
23 WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE DAISY, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-
24 4644. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE? LITTLE DAISY?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY IS CURRENTLY OBSERVING OUR NINTH ANNUAL CESAR
3 CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK. I DON'T KNOW IF MANY OF YOU
4 KNOW, BUT CESAR CHAVEZ, WHO WAS A GREAT LABOR LEADER, BUT HE
5 REALLY STARTED OUT IN THE EAST SIDE OF LOS ANGELES ORGANIZING
6 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES UNDER THE COMMUNITY SERVICE
7 ORGANIZATION. HE TRULY BELIEVED IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.
8 WE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INSTEAD OF TAKING A DAY OFF FOR
9 CESAR CHAVEZ DAY, WHICH WE THINK IS AN IMPORTANT DAY TO
10 COMMEMORATE, WE HAVE A DAY DEDICATED TO COUNTY SERVICE. SO WE
11 ASK COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO ON THAT DAY TO EITHER JOIN AND
12 VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN WHICH THEY CAN
13 PROVIDE SERVICE OR TO VOLUNTEER AT A NONPROFIT THROUGHOUT THE
14 COMMUNITY. AND THIS YEAR OUR THEME IS, OF COURSE, "YOU COUNT."
15 WE'RE PARTNERING WITH THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO
16 INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2010 CENSUS AND ACHIEVE A
17 COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COUNT. IN 2000, MORE THAN 170,000 COUNTY
18 RESIDENTS WENT UNCOUNTED IN THE CENSUS, RESULTING IN A LOSS OF
19 WELL OVER \$636 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGHOUT THE
20 DECADE. THIS YEAR WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT EVERY SINGLE RESIDENT
21 IS COUNTED. AND DURING THESE CHALLENGING ECONOMIC TIMES, LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY NEEDS EVERY SINGLE FEDERAL DOLLAR TO WHICH
23 WE'RE ENTITLED, DOLLARS THAT WE ALL KNOW PROVIDE SERVICES AND
24 HEALTH CARE AND ALL THE HUMAN SERVICES AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR
25 SAFETY ISSUES. TODAY, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THREE OUTSTANDING



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1 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE JOINED WITH THE
2 CENSUS OUTREACH EFFORTS. THEY HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING AND DOING
3 WALKING DOOR-TO-DOOR. THEY HAVE HAD FAIRS, THEY'VE HAD RALLIES
4 IN THE COMMUNITY, ALL TRYING TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE ARE
5 RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY
6 SINGLE ONE OF THOSE CENSUS FORMS BEING TURNED IN AND OF COURSE
7 THAT THEY BE ACCURATE AND THAT THEY BE COMPLETE AND MORE
8 IMPORTANTLY THAT THEY ARE CONFIDENTIAL. ONE OF THOSE TEAMS I
9 WAS OUT THERE THIS WEEKEND, AND THEY HAD A WALK WHERE THEY
10 WENT DOOR-TO-DOOR THROUGHOUT THE EAST SIDE. AND THAT'S THE
11 VOLUNTEERS OF EAST LOS ANGELES. WE KNOW THEM AS VELA. THEY ARE
12 HOSTING COUNTY EMPLOYEES AT ITS ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY
13 THIS FRIDAY, AND VELA HAS SPEARHEADED TWO CENSUS OUTREACH
14 EVENTS. REPRESENTING VELA ARE DANNY RAMOS, JOANNE ARIBALDO,
15 OMAR LOYA, AND GRACE GONZALES, WHO HEADS UP THE ORGANIZATION.
16 PLEADS JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THEM. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ONE OF THE OTHER GROUPS THAT WE WANT TO
19 RECOGNIZE IS THE ASIAN PACIFIC COMMUNITY FUND. THEY OBTAIN
20 SUPPORT FROM 8 AFFILIATED AGENCIES WHICH PROVIDE SERVICES TO
21 THE DIVERSE ASIAN COMMUNITY. AND REPRESENTING THE A.P.C.F. IS
22 CLARA CHU. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM. THEY DID AN
23 OUTSTANDING JOB. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. PLEASE
24 JOIN ME IN THANKING THEM. [APPLAUSE.]



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND FINALLY I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE
2 BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE WHO REACHED OUT TO SIX NONPROFITS,
3 INCLUDING THE INSTITUTE FOR BLACK PARENTING, PEOPLE ASSISTING
4 THE HOMELESS, AND THE JEFFREY FOUNDATION. REPRESENTING THE
5 BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE IS WILL HARRIS. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE
6 THEM FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB THAT THEY DID. THERE YOU ARE
7 WILL. THANK YOU, SIR. THERE WE GO. THANKS AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]
8 LET ME JUST THANK THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
9 INSTRUMENTAL. AND WE'VE HAD THESE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT RALLIES
10 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE WHO IS
11 LISTENING AND TUNING IN HOW IMPORTANT THE CENSUS FORMS ARE.
12 L.A. COUNTY IS DOING VERY WELL SO FAR, BUT WE NEED TO CONTINUE
13 TO KEEP THAT UP. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY SINGLE PERSON
14 IS COUNTED IN L.A. COUNTY. WE KNOW WHAT IT MEANS FOR US. ALL
15 THE FORMULAS COME FROM THAT IN THE FUTURE FOR ALL OF THOSE
16 FEDERAL DOLLARS. SO WE WANT TO THANK AGAIN, THESE
17 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THAT OUTREACH AND WE
18 LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A VERY PRODUCTIVE CESAR CHAVEZ
19 COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S PRESENTATIONS, OR
22 THIS MORNING'S PRESENTATIONS. I THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
23 YOU'RE UP FIRST IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING
2 MOTIONS. FIRST I ASK THAT THE BOARD WOULD ADJOURN IN THE
3 MEMORY OF AUDREY GREENBERG. AUDREY GREENBERG WAS A LONGTIME
4 RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY AT THE
5 AGE OF 78 AFTER A LONG BOUT WITH CANCER. SHE WAS A WELL KNOWN
6 ART COLLECTOR, PHILANTHROPIST AND ADVOCATE FOR THE MENTALLY
7 ILL, A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, SHE WILL BE
8 REMEMBERED AS A PERSON OF GRACE, ELEGANCE AND CHARM AND A WARM
9 AND THOUGHTFUL FRIEND. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY,
10 AS I SAID IN THE ART WORLD. HER SON, ONE OF HER SONS DIED
11 AFTER A BOUT WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. THEY WERE VERY -- SHE AND
12 HER HUSBAND ARTHUR, WERE VERY GENEROUS IN SUPPORTING DANIEL'S
13 PLACE, A HOUSING FACILITY IN WEST LOS ANGELES/SANTA MONICA FOR
14 THE MENTALLY ILL NAMED AFTER DANIEL GREENBERG, THEIR SON. AND
15 SHE WILL BE REALLY MISSED. SHE WAS A FORCE OF NATURE IN THE
16 COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, LAWYER ARTHUR
17 GREENBERG, AND TWO SONS, JONATHAN GREENBERG AND ROB GREENBERG.
18 THAT'S ONE. THE SECOND IS ALFRED. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
19 MEMORY OF ALFRED EDWARD HINDREW, SON OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY
20 FAMILY, PAT MILLER, WHO SERVED AS THE HEALTH DEPUTY FOR
21 SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE. HER SON ALFRED DIED AT THE AGE OF 57
22 OF COMPLICATIONS FROM DIABETES. A TALENTED ARTIST KNOWN FOR
23 HIS HAND CRAFTED SILVER JEWELRY, HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS
24 ANGELES BUT MOVED TO NEW MEXICO WHILE STILL A TEENAGER. IN
25 ADDITION TO PAT MILLER, HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JANICE



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1 DALLEY; A DAUGHTER, LILY; A BROTHER, KEITH; AND A SISTER, KIM
2 HINDREW-GRANGER.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK ALL MEMBERS WOULD SECOND THAT ONE,
7 WOULD JOIN IN THAT ONE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THOSE ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS MADAM
10 CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THOSE
13 ADJOURNMENTS.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D' LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NO.
16 70-B.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 70-B?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUE
21 TRANSFERS.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE MR. SACHS?

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ONLY HAVE ONE. MR. SACHS, IS THAT CORRECT? MR.
3 SACHS, IF YOU'D JOIN US? IF YOU DON'T MIND, SUPERVISOR
4 YAROSLAVSKY, I'M GOING TO ASK HIM ALSO TO SPEAK ON ITEM 11 AND
5 18 AT THE SAME TIME.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I THINK
10 WHAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT WITH THIS ITEM, BEFORE YOU SEND
11 THIS LETTER OUT, IS, A, YOU SHOULD BE DISCUSSING ADDRESSING
12 PROP 39 THAT WAS APPROVED IN 2000. BECAUSE I SEE TWO THINGS
13 HAPPENING IN THE CRYSTAL BALL HERE: THE NUMBER OF CHARTER
14 SCHOOLS IS GOING TO GO UP. THE BUDGET DEFICIT IS GOING TO
15 CONTINUE. THAT'S WHAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IS THIS CHARTER
16 SCHOOL SITUATION WITH L.A.U.S.D. I THINK THE SUPERINTENDENT IS
17 PROPOSING TO ELIMINATE THESE GRANTS, THESE PERMITS, BECAUSE
18 L.A.U.S.D. IS FACING A \$600 MILLION BUDGET DEFICIT. I MEAN,
19 SOMEBODY'S STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE AND HE SAYS I CAN GET \$41
20 MILLION OR \$50 MILLION BY ELIMINATING THESE PERMITS, HE'S
21 TAKING SOME ACTION. IF YOU DON'T -- HAVE YOU GOT AN ALTERNATE
22 METHOD TO FILL IN THAT -- TO BACKFILL THAT \$60 MILLION HE
23 HOPES OR THE \$40 MILLION THAT HE HOPES TO GET FROM RESCINDING
24 THESE PERMITS? IF YOU DON'T HAVE THAT, GIVE HIM ANOTHER IDEA.
25 BUT CHARTER SCHOOLS NEED TO BE LOOKED AT, ALSO, BECAUSE IN



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1 TODAY'S "DAILY BREEZE" IT SAID ONLY 38 OUT OF THE 81 REQUESTS
2 FOR CHARTER SCHOOL LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED. AND THAT
3 NUMBER'S CERTAINLY GOING TO INCREASE FOR THE NUMBER OF
4 REQUESTS, WHILE THE NUMBER OF CAMPUSES IS GOING TO REMAIN
5 STAGNANT BECAUSE L.A.U.S.D. DOESN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO MEET
6 IT. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE OTHER ITEMS THAT YOU HAD WERE 11 AND
11 18.

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13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM NO. 11, YES. JUST VERY QUICKLY. THIS IS A
14 PROGRAM -- AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT IT'S A PROGRAM, BUT
15 I GUESS IT COMES TO \$62,000 PER DISTRICT. SO HOW MUCH WAS
16 AUTHORIZED AND PREVIOUSLY FUNDED? HOW MANY NUMBER OF JOBS WERE
17 CREATED FROM THE PREVIOUS FUNDING? AND HOW DOES THAT WORK OUT?
18 YOU HAVE AN ITEM WHERE YOU ARE GIVING \$222,000, \$22,000 FOR
19 YOUR NEW PERSONAL DIRECTOR, THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. THIS IS
20 \$312,000 TO SPEND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IT COMES TO \$62,000,
21 A LITTLE OVER \$62,000 PER DISTRICT, OR 63. 62. SO HOW DOES
22 THAT WORK OUT? WHAT DO YOU GET FOR \$62,000 IN THE COUNTY?
23 THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COULD YOU ALSO HANDLE 70-A,
2 SINCE YOU'RE UP HERE? I ALSO UNDERSTAND YOU ALSO HELD THAT
3 ITEM.

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 70-A. A QUICK CHANGE. I'D JUST LIKE-- BASED ON
6 WHAT THE STORY THAT WAS IN THE DAILY TIMES REGARDING THE
7 SITUATION AT D.C.F.S., INSTEAD OF DISPARITIES AND INFANT
8 MORTALITY AWARENESS DAY, IT SHOULD JUST BE INFANT MORTALITY
9 AWARENESS DAY. WE NEED PEOPLE TO STEP UP. IT'S SAD READING THE
10 STORIES AND THE BACKGROUND REGARDING THOSE SITUATIONS, BUT WE
11 NEED PEOPLE TO STEP UP. YOU CAN MAKE A CHANGE IN THREE
12 PEOPLE'S LIVES IF YOU STEP UP YOUR OWN LIFE BY STEPPING
13 FORWARD. A CHILD'S LIFE BY ASSISTING THEM. AND A PERSON YOU
14 COULD STOP FROM COMMITTING A CRIME THAT THEY WILL REGRET FOR
15 THE REST OF THEIR LIFE. WE NEED PEOPLE TO STEP UP REGARDING
16 THIS. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ON YOUR
19 ITEM, I HAD A QUESTION BUT I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION NOW. IT'S
20 BEEN ANSWERED. I DON'T KNOW IF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY
21 QUESTIONS.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME SPEAK TO THE MOTION.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BRIEFLY. THIS IS A MAJOR ISSUE FOR ALL OF US

3 COUNTY-WIDE. THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

4 AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DECIDED TO CANCEL ALL TRANSFER

5 PERMITS SUMMARILY ACROSS-THE-BOARD WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS.

6 AND WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH ONE SUCH CASE IN MY DISTRICT IN

7 BEVERLY HILLS AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION,

8 WHICH IS THE ULTIMATE APPEAL BODY ON THIS MADE A SOLOMON-LIKE

9 DECISION RECOMMENDATION THAT THE KIDS WHO ARE IN A PARTICULAR

10 SCHOOL, WHETHER IT'S ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL,

11 BE PERMITTED TO FINISH THAT SCHOOL AND NOT HAVE THE

12 RELATIONSHIPS THAT THEY HAVE WITH THE SCHOOL AND WITH THE

13 STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL AND THE TEACHERS SUMMARILY INTERRUPTED

14 BY THIS SEEMINGLY ARBITRARY DECISION. AND SO THAT'S WHAT I AM

15 ASKING, MADAM CHAIR, THAT WE SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO

16 THE BOARD OF L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

17 AND TO SUPERINTENDENT CORTINEZ ASKING THEM TO MODIFY THEIR

18 ORDER SO THAT THE STUDENTS WHO ARE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BE

19 PERMITTED TO FINISH THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION AT THE

20 SCHOOL THEY ARE IN NOW, THOSE WHO ARE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL BE

21 PERMITTED TO FINISH THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION AT THE

22 SCHOOL THEY'RE IN NOW, AND THOSE WHO ARE IN HIGH SCHOOL BE

23 PERMITTED TO FINISH THEIR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION WHERE THEY ARE

24 NOW. AND ESSENTIALLY THIS WOULD BE A PHASED-IN APPROACH RATHER

25 THAN A DRACONIAN APPROACH. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE



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1 NUMBERS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2 HAS 2,169 TRANSFERS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY THIS. SANTA MONICA-
3 MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1,111. LAS VIRGINES SCHOOL
4 DISTRICT 1195. CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1667.
5 BURBANK, 651. AND GLENDALE, 521. INGLEWOOD, 254. EVEN THE
6 SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE BIG IMPACTS. AND EACH ONE OF THESE
7 KIDS HAS AN EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL BE SEVERELY
8 INTERRUPTED AND MAY EVEN SET THEM BACK. SO I THINK THIS IS A
9 COMMON SENSE APPROACH AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE SEND THIS
10 COMMUNICATION TO SUPERINTENDENT RAMON CORTINEZ AND THE L.A.
11 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD TO DO THIS RATIONALLY IN A
12 PHASED-IN APPROACH. IT WILL ADDRESS SOME OF THEIR FINANCIAL
13 CONCERNS. BY THE WAY, THE FINANCIAL CONCERN, TO THE EXTENT
14 THAT THE L.A. UNIFIED BENEFITS FINANCIALLY, THE OTHER SCHOOL
15 DISTRICTS GET HURT FINANCIALLY. SO IT'S A ZERO-SUM GAME FOR
16 ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES. BUT THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO DO IT
17 IN THE INTEREST OF THE KIDS. AND I THINK, I WOULD HOPE THAT
18 THIS SUGGESTION WOULD BE WELL-RECEIVED. THANK YOU, MADAM
19 CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST A COUPLE COMMENTS?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S MY IMPRESSION OR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BOARD
2 IS GOING TO BE TAKING SOME SORT OF ACTION APRIL 6 IN REGARDS
3 TO THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNEW IT WAS COMING UP. I DIDN'T KNOW IT
6 WAS APRIL 6.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU KNOW, MY CONCERN WOULD BE -- I MEAN I'LL GO
9 AHEAD AND SUPPORT THE MOTION, BUT THAT WE DON'T GET OUT AHEAD
10 OF SOME OF THESE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SORT OF GET INVOLVED IN
11 THEIR BUSINESS. BECAUSE I MEAN OBVIOUSLY WE GOT PLENTY ON OUR
12 PLATE. BECAUSE IT COULD HAVE A REAL IMPACT ON OUR COUNTY,
13 FOLKS. VERY SIGNIFICANT. AS YOU MENTIONED, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A
14 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER IN TORRANCE AND OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS
15 WELL, TOO. I MEAN I GUESS IT'S OKAY TO GET OUT AHEAD OF THIS
16 THING, BUT THERE IS SUPPOSEDLY AN ACTION TRYING TO ADDRESS
17 THIS ISSUE COMING UP ON APRIL 6. AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT
18 WILL CHANGE YOUR MOTION OR NOT.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT I HAVE HEARD THROUGH PRESS REPORTS, AND
21 IT'S ALL I KNOW, IS THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE L.A.
22 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CONSIDERING IS ALLOWING THE HIGH
23 SCHOOL KIDS TO FINISH. THAT'S FINE. BUT YOU HAVE THE MIDDLE
24 SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS WHO ARE IN THE SAME
25 SITUATION. THE KEY TO THIS IS NOT TO INTERRUPT THE KIDS'



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1 EDUCATION AT A PARTICULAR SCHOOL. WHEN THEY GRADUATE FROM
2 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THEY'RE GOING TO GO TO A NEW SCHOOL,
3 ANYWAY. SO WHETHER IT'S TO THIS MIDDLE SCHOOL OR ANOTHER
4 MIDDLE SCHOOL, IT'S LESS IMPACTFUL THAN WHEN YOU TAKE A KID
5 OUT OF THIRD GRADE AND SAY NOW YOU'RE GOING TEN MILES AWAY OR
6 WHEREVER THEY ARE, AND THEY LOSE ALL THEIR FRIENDS AND THE
7 COMFORT LEVEL, THE SECURITY SUCH AS IT IS AT THAT AGE IS
8 IMPACTED. SO I THINK FROM AN EDUCATIONAL POINT OF VIEW, AND
9 WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS WITH OUR OWN SUPERINTENDENT, MISS ROBLES
10 AND HER STAFF, THIS IS A RATIONAL WAY TO GO. I DON'T THINK
11 WE'RE GETTING OUT AHEAD OF ANYBODY. I THINK WE'RE KIND OF
12 GIVING THEM AN IDEA. IF THE REPORTS ARE ACCURATE AND THE PRESS
13 REPORTS ARE ACCURATE THAT THEY'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT HIGH
14 SCHOOL, MAYBE THIS WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO ALSO LOOK AT MIDDLE
15 SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND I THINK THAT'S -- WHATEVER
16 OUR VIEWS ARE ABOUT TRANSFERS, I THINK THIS IS A MIDDLE GROUND
17 THAT MAKES SENSE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I HAD THE SAME KIND OF CONCERN. AT WHAT
22 POINT IN TIME DO WE START GETTING INVOLVED IN SOME OF THESE
23 ISSUES? WE CERTAINLY KNOW IT IS TRUE THAT THEY ARE FACING
24 ECONOMIC CHALLENGES LIKE ALL OF US. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I
25 THINK THE MOTION IS ASKING FOR MODIFICATION THAT'S FAIR. AT



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1 LEAST ALLOW THE CHILDREN -- I KNOW THE KIND OF TRAUMA THAT
2 COULD CAUSE FOR ANYBODY WHO IS UPROOTED IN ELEMENTARY OR
3 MIDDLE SCHOOL. SO I THINK IT'S A MODEST REQUEST. AND HOPEFULLY
4 THEY CAN ACCOMMODATE MANY OF THESE CHILDREN AND THESE
5 STUDENTS. IT IS ABOUT THEM, NOT CERTAINLY ABOUT THE SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT OVERALL. SO HOPEFULLY THEY'LL RESPECTFULLY LISTEN TO
7 OUR REQUESTS. SO WITH THAT --

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD MOVE IT, MADAM CHAIR. ALL RIGHT.
10 SECONDED. THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, YOU WILL ALSO HAVE ITEMS 11,
13 18 AND 70-A.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, THAT'S RIGHT.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE THOSE, AS WELL.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON THOSE ITEMS, AS WELL, AS MOVED BY
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY MYSELF, IF THERE IS NO
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE FAILED TO -- I HAVE ONE
2 THIRD ADJOURNING MOTION.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FOR MIDGE COSTANZA, WHO PASSED AWAY
7 LAST WEEK. MIDGE WAS A FRIEND OF MINE FOR MANY YEARS. A WHITE
8 HOUSE AIDE TO PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER AND A LONGTIME LEADER ON
9 ISSUES REGARDING WOMEN AND THE ELDERLY, PASSED AWAY OF CANCER
10 AT THE AGE OF 77 IN SAN DIEGO. MIDGE WAS RAISED IN ROCHESTER,
11 NEW YORK FROM THE AGE OF 5. SHE LATER WORKED FOR A LOCAL
12 CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR MANY
13 YEARS, BECAME ACTIVE IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY POLITICS. IN 1959,
14 SHE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 22ND
15 WARD IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, AND MANAGED ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S
16 1964 SENATE CAMPAIGN IN MONROE COUNTY IN NEW YORK. SHE WAS
17 ELECTED TO THE ROCHESTER CITY COUNCIL, AND IN 1973 MET JIMMY
18 CARTER WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA. AND A YEAR LATER WHEN
19 HE CAMPAIGNED FOR PRESIDENT, SHE CAMPAIGNED FOR HIM. SHE
20 SERVED IN THE CARTER WHITE HOUSE FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS AS
21 PUBLIC LIAISON FOR YOUTH MINORITIES, THE ELDERLY, WOMEN AND
22 GAYS AND LESBIANS. AND AFTER LEAVING WASHINGTON, SHE MOVED HER
23 TO LOS ANGELES AND MANAGED SHIRLEY MACLAINE'S HIGHER SELF
24 SEMINARS AND WORKED BEHIND THE SCENES ON A NUMBER OF
25 TELEVISION SHOWS. IN 1990, SHE MOVED TO SAN DIEGO AND BECAME



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1 INVOLVED IN LOCAL DEMOCRATIC POLITICS THERE AND DIRECTED
2 TRAINING SEMINARS FOR ASPIRING CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.
3 SHE ALSO FOUNDED A LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE THAT BEARS HER NAME
4 AFFILIATED WITH SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY'S WOMEN'S STUDIES
5 PROGRAM. FROM 2000 TO 2003 SHE BECAME A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
6 GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS AND SERVED AS A LIAISON FOR WOMEN'S
7 GROUPS. AND IN 2005 SHE JOINED THE SAN DIEGO DISTRICT
8 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS A PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER SPECIALIZING IN
9 CAMPAIGNS AGAINST ELDER ABUSE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER,
10 ANTHONY, AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. I WOULD JUST SAY BEYOND THE
11 WRITTEN OBITUARY THAT MIDGE IS THE KIND OF PERSON YOU WANTED
12 IN YOUR BUNKER, NOT IN THE BUNKER ACROSS FROM YOU. SHE WAS A
13 PASSIONATE, UNCOMPROMISING FIGHTER FOR WHAT SHE BELIEVED IN.
14 AND SHE WAS LEGENDARY DURING THE CARTER WHITE HOUSE YEARS, AS
15 I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER, MADAM CHAIR. SHE WAS NOT SHY ABOUT
16 EDUCATING EVEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ABOUT THE
17 THINGS SHE THOUGHT HE OUGHT TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT. AND I THINK
18 SHE WAS MODESTLY SUCCESSFUL IN THAT CASE. BUT WHEN IT CAME TO
19 CIVIL LIBERTIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS, YOU WANTED MIDGE IN YOUR
20 CORNER BECAUSE SHE WOULD JUST TAKE NO PRISONERS. AND IT'S A
21 GREAT LOSS TO THOSE WHO KNEW HER AND TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
22 AND THE NATION.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET ME JOIN WITH YOU IN THAT. I KNEW MIDGE
25 WHEN I WAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE. WE SORT OF -- BY THE TIME I



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1 CAME, SHE WAS ON HER WAY OUT. [LAUGHTER.] BUT SHE WAS A
2 FIRECRACKER. AND I'LL JUST, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER IT WAS. AND I
3 CONTINUED TO SEE HER FROM TIME TO TIME AT VARIOUS FEMINIST
4 EVENTS. WHEN I READ HER OBITUARY THE OTHER DAY, I DID NOT KNOW
5 SHE HAD COME TO CALIFORNIA AND SERVED IN ALL THOSE KINDS OF
6 ROLES. SHE MUST HAVE BEEN MUCH CALMER OR SOMETHING, BECAUSE
7 YOU DIDN'T SEE HER GETTING THE KIND OF ATTENTION AT THE WHITE
8 HOUSE, UNFORTUNATELY. THERE JUST WASN'T A MIX WITH THE FOLKS
9 FROM GEORGIA, UNFORTUNATELY. THEY HAD VERY DIFFERENT STYLES.
10 BUT SHE WAS ALWAYS RIGHT ON ABOUT ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. AND SHE
11 REALLY WANTED TO BE INCLUSIVE. SHE FELT VERY CLEARLY THAT THE
12 PRESIDENT MAKES DECISIONS FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US, AND SO
13 THE WHITE HOUSE SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL OF THEM, WHATEVER THEIR
14 COMMENTS AND WHATEVER THEY HAD TO SAY. AND SO WE REALLY
15 APPRECIATED HER OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP. SO I'D LIKE TO JOURNAL
16 WITH YOU IN THAT ADJOURNMENT.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SURE.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THAT.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP ITEM NO. 70-
23 D.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 70-E?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** D LIKE DOG.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** D, OKAY. THAT HAS BEEN HELD ALSO BY --

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT. LET ME CALL UP THESE FOLKS. WE HAVE

9 ROBERT DONIN, IF YOU WOULD JOIN US. MR. DONIN. ARNOLD SACHS

10 AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, IF THEY'D JOIN US, PLEASE.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

13

14 **ROBERT DONIN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MR. CHAIRMAN PRO TEM,

15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR KNABE. I COME BEFORE YOU

16 TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED BY

17 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES OR OFFICIALS GIVEN THE DEATH OF THIS

18 CHILD. WE KNOW A CHILD HAS DIED. HOW WE ARRIVED AT THIS POINT

19 HAS TO BE MORE CLOSELY EXAMINED. WHEN FOSTER AGENCIES HAVE

20 POTENTIAL FOSTER PARENT APPLICANTS, THEY SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS

21 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THROUGH LIVE SCAN. FROM THERE

22 THEY PERFORM A BACKGROUND CHECK, F.B.I. AND A CHILD ABUSE

23 INDEX CHECK. ONCE THEY'RE DONE, IT'S FORWARDED TO THE

24 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, WHO RECEIVES THE INFORMATION,

25 REVIEWS IT, FORWARDS THE INFORMATION TO COMMUNITY CARE



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1 LICENSING. ONCE ALL THESE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN PERFORMED,
2 COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING GIVES THE AGENCY THE GO-AHEAD THAT NO
3 CHILD ABUSE OR CRIMINAL HISTORY EXISTS FOR THE APPLICANT. THE
4 AGENCY THEN CONTINUES WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS, WHICH FROM
5 START TO FINISH WILL BE A MINIMUM OF 2-1/2 MONTHS AND END UP
6 TO NINE MONTHS. BEFORE THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND UNITED CARE ARE
7 HELD RESPONSIBLE, WE NEED TO KNOW WHY THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 JUSTICE CHILD ABUSE INDEX DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
9 SERVICES AND COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING DID NOT PERFORM THEIR
10 JOB CORRECTLY. I BELIEVE STATE BUDGET CUTS AND THE DECREASE OF
11 STAFF LEVELS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS TRAGEDY. COMMUNITY CARE
12 LICENSING STAFF DON'T EVEN VISIT FACILITIES ONCE A YEAR
13 ANYMORE. I WONDER HOW MANY MORE INDIVIDUALS ARE WORKING IN
14 LICENSED FACILITIES, COUNTY AND STATEWIDE THAT SHOULD BE
15 ALLOWED TO EVEN ENTER THESE FACILITIES. THE BURDEN FALLS ON
16 THEM. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INSTRUCT COUNTY
17 COUNSEL TO SUBMIT SUBPOENAS TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL THAT HANDLED
18 THESE FINGERPRINTS AND REVIEW WHAT INFORMATION THEY HAD AND
19 WHY THEY FAILED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION AGAINST THE
20 FOSTER PARENT INVOLVED. SADLY, DEATHS IN THE FOSTER CARE
21 SYSTEM WILL NOT STOP NATIONWIDE. IT WOULD REQUIRE THAT FOSTER
22 FAMILY AGENCIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
23 SERVICES HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK TO
24 PREVENT ANOTHER TRAGEDY. IT CAN ONLY BE DECREASED. I REALIZE
25 THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING THE TERMINATION OF ITS CONTRACT WITH



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1 UNITED CARE; HOWEVER, WHAT IS THE SOLUTION WHEN D.C.F.S.
2 FAILS? YOU CAN'T CLOSE D.C.F.S. IN RESPONSE, YOU TERMINATE OR
3 DISCIPLINE THE WORKERS INVOLVED, BUT IT'S STILL THE SAME
4 AGENCY. KEEP IN MIND THAT OVER 90 PERCENT OF CHILD DEATHS
5 OCCUR IN D.C.F.S. HOMES, NOT FOSTER AGENCIES. DURING THE YEARS
6 OF OUT-OF-HOME CARE EVALUATION UNIT, THERE WERE 17 TO 20
7 DEATHS PER YEAR. THE MAJORITY? STILL IN COUNTY HOMES. THE ONLY
8 DIFFERENCE? CHILDREN WERE MOVED MORE FROM ONE HOME TO ANOTHER
9 CAUSED BY PANIC CREATED BY OFFICE OF HOME CARE EVALUATION UNIT
10 STAFF. THEY WERE HUNGRY BECAUSE THEY KNEW THEY HAD THE ABILITY
11 TO REQUEST TERMINATION OF AGENCY CONTRACTS. IN CLOSING, I
12 REQUEST THAT BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY DECISION ABOUT CONTRACTS, YOU
13 WAIT UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
14 INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. DR. CLAVREUL?

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18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
19 YOU KNOW I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED FOR A LONG TIME. I USUALLY
20 NEVER SPEAK ON A CHILDREN'S ISSUE BECAUSE IT'S A VERY
21 SENSITIVE ISSUE FOR ME. BUT I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING IT UP FOR
22 THE LAST 10 YEARS. AND WHEN I SEE THAT WE HAVE SOME OF THE
23 SOCIAL WORKERS WHAT LIE UNDER OATH, AND I JUST WONDER IF THOSE
24 EMPLOYEES ARE STILL WORKING FOR D.C.F.S. IT HAS BEEN AN
25 PROBLEM FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. ALSO, WHEN YOU HAVE AN OFFICE



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1 THAT IS NOT FUNCTIONING TO 100 PERCENT, IT INFURIATES ME TO
2 SEE THAT THEY RECEIVE, YOU KNOW, A COMMENDATION. AND NOT TOO
3 LONG AGO IT WAS COMMENDATION FOR THE PEOPLE IN D.H.S. THAT
4 DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE. IT SENDS A VERY WRONG MESSAGE. YOU'RE
5 NOT PERFORMING BUT WE'LL GIVE YOU A COMMENDATION. THE SAME FOR
6 THE NURSING ISSUE. THEY ARE TERRIBLE EMPLOYEES BUT MOST ARE
7 STILL WORKING HERE EXCEPT ONE AND THE NURSING PROGRAM GO
8 COMMENDATION FOR CORRECTS MISTAKE WAS SO BAD. IT SENDS THE
9 WRONG MESSAGE. I MEAN, THOSE PEOPLE WERE INCOMPETENT, NOT
10 PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES. AND YOU STILL GIVE THEM COMMENDATION.
11 IT DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AND I THINK THAT'S PART OF THE
12 PROBLEM WE'RE HAVING IN THE COUNTY. IN ALMOST EVERY
13 DEPARTMENT, PEOPLE GET REWARDED FOR BAD BEHAVIOR. WE HAVE THAT
14 WITH D.H.S., YOU KNOW, WHEN GARTHWAITE WAS NOT PERFORMING, HE
15 GOT A PAY INCREASE OF \$45,000. THAT'S THE WAY IT WORKS HERE.
16 AND I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. PERSONALLY MYSELF I DO NOT
17 KNOW THE AGENCY INVOLVED IN THIS, BUT I THINK OUR SCREENING
18 HAS TO BE DONE AND I THINK IT NEEDS TO NEEDS TO BE DONE
19 SWIFTLY, THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. MR. SACHS?

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I'D JUST LIKE TO
24 READ QUICKLY FROM TODAY'S L.A. TIMES IN THE STORY. THE FAMILY
25 AND CHILDREN INDEX. SUPERVISORS APPROVED A PLAN LAST YEAR TO



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1 REVAMP THE COMPUTER SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S
2 INDEX. BUT A YEAR LATER, THAT WOULD BE NOW, KEY PORTIONS OF
3 THE PLAN ARE BEHIND SCHEDULE OR UNFULFILLED ENTIRELY. WELL
4 WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS? I MEAN ARE THEY JUST BLOWING SMOKE
5 IN THIS ARTICLE AGAIN? OR IS THERE SOME TRUTH TO THE FACTS
6 ABOUT WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN IT? WHO'S COMING UP -- WHO'S AT BAT
7 HERE? YOU WENT TO NEW YORK FOR THE PROJECT 50 HOMELESS BECAUSE
8 THEY HAD A GREAT PROJECT AND YOU'VE EMULATED THEM AND YOU PUT
9 THE 50 PEOPLE IN. THERE WAS A STORY HOW NEW YORK HAS A WORKERS
10 TO CHILDREN RATIO OF LIKE 12-1 OR 15-1, YET THE COUNTY OF L.A.
11 HAS TRIPLED THAT. MAYBE EVEN A HIGHER RATIO THAT MR. FUJIOKA
12 MENTIONED ONE TIME IN A NEWS ARTICLE THAT IT WOULD COST \$18
13 MILLION TO HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES TO BRING THE RATIO DOWN TO ONE
14 SIMILAR TO NEW YORK. THERE'S A REAL DISCONNECT. AND IT'S THE
15 CHILDREN THAT ARE SUFFERING HERE. AND ALL THE RHETORIC THAT
16 YOU TALK ABOUT THAT WE'RE GOING TO IMPROVE, WE'RE GOING TO
17 IMPROVE, WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? LET'S PUT IT OFF FOR ANOTHER
18 REPORT IN SIX MONTHS, ONE MORE YEAR, ANOTHER REPORT IN SIX
19 MONTHS, ONE MORE YEAR. THAT'S A TOTAL OF THREE YEARS, NOT TWO
20 YEARS. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ALSO HAVE -- THANK YOU,
23 FOLKS. WE ALSO HAVE ONE OTHER SPEAKER, MR. CRAIG WOODS.

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1 **CRAIG WOODS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I COME HERE TODAY TO
2 OPPOSE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM 70-D TO TERMINATE THE
3 CONTRACT OF UNITED CARE INC. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE RECENT
4 DEATHS OF THE FOSTER YOUTH, VIOLA VAN CLEEF, AND THE
5 CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HER DEATH HAS FOCUSED A LOT OF
6 ATTENTION FROM THE MEDIA ON THE QUESTION OF WHY 30 OR MORE
7 KIDS HAVE DIED IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IN THE PAST TWO
8 YEARS. I'M HERE TO COMMENT TODAY ONLY ON VIOLA VAN CLEEF'S
9 DEATH BECAUSE IT HAPPENED IN A CERTIFIED HOME THAT MY AGENCY
10 SUPERVISED. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE
11 CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF VIOLA HAVE NOT YET BEEN
12 COMPLETED. HOWEVER, HASTY ASSUMPTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN
13 WRITTEN AND CLOSED DOOR DECISIONS CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE
14 BENEFIT OF AN ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF ALL THE FACTS. I'M HERE
15 TODAY TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION TO
16 TERMINATE THE FOSTER CARE CONTRACT OF UNITED CARE INC. UNTIL
17 ALL THE FACTS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED AND ASSESSED. I
18 BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS RELATED TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF VIOLA'S
19 DEATH ARE VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE HASTY AND SENSATIONALIZED
20 ACCOUNTS THAT WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND
21 BROADCASTED ON THE LOCAL NEWS PROGRAMS. THOSE REPORTS WERE
22 GROSSLY INACCURATE AND THE ASSUMPTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS THEY
23 PROJECTED WERE VERY MISLEADING. I URGE THE BOARD TO REVIEW THE
24 FACTS OF THE ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS AS THEY WILL REVEAL THE
25 FACTS PRIOR TO TAKING ACTION TO TERMINATE UNITED CARE'S



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1 CONTRACT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF
2 PRESSURE ON EVERYONE TO TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT THIS
3 UNFORTUNATE DEATH AND THE MANY OTHERS ARE THOROUGHLY
4 INVESTIGATED AND THE FACTS LEARNED ARE STUDIED AND APPLIED TO
5 REFORM THE WAY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
6 AND ITS PRIVATE CONTRACTORS CARE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN IN THIS
7 COUNTY. TERMINATING UNITED CARE'S CONTRACT WILL NOT ACCOMPLISH
8 WHAT IS NEEDED TO EFFECTIVELY REFORM THIS SYSTEM. IN FACT, A
9 HASTILY CONTRIVED DECISION AND PREMATURE RUSH TO ACTION WILL
10 ONLY COMPLICATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THESE DEATHS ARE CAUSING
11 THIS DEPARTMENT AND THIS COUNTY. UNITED CARE HAS A STELLAR 21-
12 YEAR TRACK RECORD OF PARTNERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE WITH THIS
13 COUNTY. AND THIS ONE EVENT SHOULD NOT WARRANT THE TERMINATION
14 OF OUR CONTRACT AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACT SUCH A DECISION WILL
15 HAVE ON HUNDREDS OF OTHER FOSTER YOUTH PLACED WITH OUR AGENCY
16 AND THE MANY FOSTER PARENT FAMILIES THAT CARE FOR THEM. WHEN
17 THE SYSTEM ITSELF BECOMES THE ABUSER OF FOSTER CHILDREN, IT IS
18 TRULY A SIGN THAT SOMETHING HAS GONE TERRIBLY WRONG AND THAT
19 SERIOUS REFORM IS NEEDED. PLEASE CONSIDER ALLOWING UNITED CARE
20 TO BE A POSITIVE PART OF MEANINGFUL REFORM AND NOT ANOTHER
21 CASUALTY OF THE CURRENT DYSFUNCTIONAL SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR? WHY DON'T YOU STICK AROUND HERE
24 FOR A SECOND?



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1 **CRAIG WOODS:** SURE.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING IN THE
4 NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT WERE SENSATIONALIZED. AND MAYBE THE
5 NEWSPAPER SENSATIONALIZES THINGS. BUT WHAT WE HAVE FOCUSED ON
6 IS THE FILE ITSELF AND THE DOCUMENTS THEMSELVES, THE RECORDS
7 THEMSELVES, WHICH ARE ACTUALLY PRETTY SENSATIONAL WHEN YOU GET
8 INTO THEM, AND YOU DON'T NEED A NEWSPAPER TO SENSATIONALIZE
9 THEM. ARE YOU AWARE -- YOUR AGENCY WAS RESPONSIBLE IN THE CASE
10 OF VIOLA. AND ALL YOUR OTHER HOMES, YOUR AGENCY'S RESPONSIBLE
11 FOR VISITATIONS AT THE HOME AND MAKING SURE THAT THINGS ARE
12 MEETING STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS, IS THAT CORRECT?

13

14 **CRAIG WOODS:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR, YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IN THE CASE OF THE HOME IN WHICH VIOLA
17 WAS LIVING, YOUR SOCIAL WORKER OR CASEWORKER VISITED HER HOME?

18

19 **CRAIG WOODS:** OUR CASEWORKER DID VISIT THE HOME. IN ADDITION TO
20 THAT, OUR FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR, DR. TAMARA
21 CAMASCHO, MADE TWO UNANNOUNCED VISITS TO THE FOSTER HOME IN
22 FEBRUARY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DID THEY FIND THERE WHEN THEY WENT,
25 BOTH OF THEM?



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2 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO EVIDENCE THAT A MAN WAS LIVING IN THE HOME.
3 AND IT IS OUR OPINION, SUPERVISOR, THAT THE ACCOUNTS THAT HE
4 RESIDED IN THE HOME ARE INACCURATE, THEY'RE WRONG. HE DID NOT
5 LIVE IN THE FOSTER HOME. HE DID PARENT A SIX-MONTH OLD BABY
6 WITH THAT FOSTER PARENT. AND NATURALLY A PARENT SHOULD BE
7 ACCOUNTABLE FOR VISITING HIS CHILD. OUR FOSTER PARENT, WHEN
8 CONFRONTED WITH THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT MR. JULIAN WAS
9 RESIDING IN THE HOME, STATED VERY ADAMANTLY AND DIRECTLY TO US
10 THAT HE WAS NOT. AND WE HAD HER SIGN A STATEMENT ATTESTING TO
11 THAT IN FEBRUARY WHEN OUR ADMINISTRATOR INSPECTED THE HOME ON
12 TWO OCCASIONS, FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS THERE, AND THAT
13 DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN THE RECORD. SO TO OUR -- FROM OUR
14 POINT OF VIEW, AND BASED ON OUR INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS,
15 TO THE EXTENT THAT WE WERE ABLE TO INVESTIGATE, WE FOUND NO
16 EVIDENCE THAT MR. JULIAN RESIDED IN THE HOME.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO
19 INVESTIGATE. HOW OFTEN DID YOU GO TO THE HOME OR DID YOUR
20 FOLKS GO INTO THE HOME?

21

22 **CRAIG WOODS:** WELL OUR SOCIAL WORKER IS REQUIRED TO VISIT THE
23 HOME TWICE MONTHLY. AND AS I SAID --

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID HE OR SHE DO THAT?



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2 **CRAIG WOODS:** YES, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, YES.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TWICE MONTHLY?

5

6 **CRAIG WOODS:** YES. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, OUR ADMINISTRATOR
7 TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO VISIT THE HOME TWICE IN THE PREVIOUS
8 MONTH OF FEBRUARY. ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER
9 OR NOT THERE WERE ANY IMPROPRIETIES IN THE HOME.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ALL OF THE REPORTS THAT CAME BACK FROM
12 YOUR FOLKS WAS THAT ALL WAS FINE IN THE HOME, ISN'T THAT
13 CORRECT?

14

15 **CRAIG WOODS:** WHAT WE INVESTIGATED WAS WHETHER OR NOT MR.
16 JULIAN WAS LIVING IN THE HOME. AND OUR INVESTIGATION AND THE
17 INVESTIGATION OF OUR ADMINISTRATOR WAS THAT SHE FOUND
18 ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE OF A MAN LIVING IN THE HOME. NO
19 CLOTHING, NO SHOES, NONE OF THE TELLTALE ITEMS THAT WOULD
20 INDICATE IT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE
23 SUPPOSED TO -- YOU DON'T SEND PEOPLE TO THE HOME IN ORDER TO
24 SEE IF MR. JULIAN WAS LIVING THERE. DON'T YOU CHECK -- SEND



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1 PEOPLE TO THE HOME, YOUR SOCIAL WORKERS TO THE HOME TO MAKE
2 SURE THAT THE CONDITION OF THE HOME IS PROPER?

3

4 **CRAIG WOODS:** ABSOLUTELY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT THE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS ARE BEING
7 MAINTAINED?

8

9 **CRAIG WOODS:** ABSOLUTELY, ABSOLUTELY, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND DID THEY DO THAT?

12

13 **CRAIG WOODS:** TO MY KNOWLEDGE, YES. OUR SOCIAL WORKER VISITED
14 THE FOSTER HOME AND MET WITH THE FOSTER PARENT AND HAD
15 CONVERSATIONS WITH HER WITH REGARDS TO THE CHILD'S NEEDS AND
16 SERVICE PLAN AND MADE NOTES IN THE FILE ACCORDINGLY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. WHAT OUR REVIEW OF THE FILE WAS THAT
19 EACH AND EVERY CASE THAT YOUR SOCIAL WORKER WENT TO THE HOME,
20 THEY REPORTED THAT EVERYTHING WAS FINE, MY WORDS, NOT THEIRS.
21 BUT THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED.

22

23 **CRAIG WOODS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT CORRECT?



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2 **CRAIG WOODS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

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6 **CRAIG WOODS:** YES. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THAT WAS WHAT HER ACCOUNTS
7 AND HER REPORTS INDICATED.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION ABOUT THE
10 FOSTER MOTHER.

11

12 **CRAIG WOODS:** YES, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU RUN A CRIMINAL CHECK ON THE FOSTER
15 MOTHER BEFORE YOU PLACED THE CHILD WITH THE FOSTER MOTHER?

16

17 **CRAIG WOODS:** OF COURSE WE DID.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DID YOU FIND WHEN YOU RAN THE CRIMINAL
20 CHECK ON THE MOM?

21

22 **CRAIG WOODS:** THAT SHE CLEARED THE STATE REQUIREMENTS.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU AWARE THAT SHE HAD A CRIMINAL
2 RECORD? AS YOU SIT HERE NOW ARE YOU AWARE THAT SHE HAD A
3 CRIMINAL RECORD?

4

5 **CRAIG WOODS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I WOULD SAY THAT AS MANY
6 AS HALF OF ALL FOSTER PARENTS CERTIFIED AND LICENSED IN THE
7 STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROVIDING SERVICES TO L.A. COUNTY HAVE A
8 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND. THE STATE HAS AN EXEMPTION PROCESS WHERE
9 IT HAS A CRITERIA THAT IF THE PARTICULAR CRIME WAS NOT OF A
10 VIOLENT OR DRUG-RELATED NATURE, THEN MANY OF OUR FOSTER
11 PARENTS ARE EXEMPTED AND I WOULD ESTIMATE THAT TO BE AS MANY
12 AS A THIRD TO A HALF OF MOST FOSTER PARENTS ARE FOSTERING
13 TODAY UNDER STATE LICENSING EXEMPTIONS

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHEN YOU SAID SHE WAS CLEARED, DID YOU
16 MEAN SHE HAD NO CRIMINAL RECORD? OR DID YOU MEAN THAT SHE --

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT HE SAID. NO CRIMINAL RECORD.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU SAY
21 BUT I WANTED TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE

22

23 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, WHAT I SAID WAS SHE WAS CLEARED.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SAID SHE WAS CLEARED.



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2 **CRAIG WOODS:** SHE WAS CLEARED BY THE STATE TO OPERATE AS A
3 FOSTER PARENT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I ASKED YOU A QUESTION. I SAID ARE YOU AWARE
6 THAT SHE HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD. AND YOU SAID -- I ASKED YOU IF
7 YOU RAN HER CRIMINAL RECORD. AND YOU SAID YES, SHE WAS
8 CLEARED. AND I THINK ANY REASONABLE PERSON, MAYBE I'M NOT
9 REASONABLE, BUT WOULD CONCLUDE FROM THAT THAT YOU RAN HER
10 CRIMINAL RECORD AND IT CAME UP NEGATIVE. WHEN YOU SAY CLEARED
11 IN THAT CONTEXT, IT MEANS NEGATIVE. SO YOU WERE AWARE SHE HAD
12 A CRIMINAL RECORD?

13

14 **CRAIG WOODS:** YES. AS I POINTED OUT, MANY OF OUR FOSTER PARENTS
15 DO.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW WHAT YOU POINTED OUT.

18

19 **CRAIG WOODS:** OUR FOCUS IS ON --

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SIR, LET ME ASK THE QUESTIONS. YOU JUST
22 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. WE DON'T NEED A LONG ANSWER TO ANY OF
23 THESE THINGS. YOU WERE AWARE SHE HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD. DID
24 SHE GET AN EXEMPTION FROM THE STATE?

25



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1 **CRAIG WOODS:** YES, SIR.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK SO.

4

5 **CRAIG WOODS:** MISS BARKER WAS PREVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED -- I'M
6 SORRY, IF I CUT YOU OFF, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, NO,NO. I'M THE ONE THAT SHOULD BE CUT
9 OFF.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, LET ME GET THAT IN WRITING. [LAUGHTER.]

12

13 **CRAIG WOODS:** MISS BARKER WAS PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED WITH OUR
14 AGENCY. SHE LEFT AND WAS CERTIFIED WITH ANOTHER FOSTER FAMILY
15 AGENCY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND SHE RETURNED TO US AS A FOSTER
16 PARENT FOLLOWING THAT CERTIFICATION. AND TO MY KNOWLEDGE,
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, HER FINGERPRINTS WERE CLEARED UNDER
18 EXEMPTION IN ALL OF THOSE INSTANCES. CONSISTENT WITH, AS I
19 SAID, ABOUT 30 TO 40 PERCENT OF MOST FOSTER PARENTS OPERATING
20 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS FOSTER PARENTS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT EXEMPTION, BUT WE'LL
23 CERTAINLY CHECK IT OUT. WERE YOU AWARE THAT THERE WAS AN
24 AUTISTIC CHILD, A 13-YEAR-OLD AUTISTIC CHILD LIVING IN THE
25 HOME?



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2 **CRAIG WOODS:** I WAS NOT AWARE, SUPERVISOR.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD THAT HAVE CONCERNED YOU HAD YOU BEEN
5 AWARE?

6

7 **CRAIG WOODS:** I'M SORRY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD THAT HAVE CONCERNED YOU HAD YOU BEEN
10 AWARE?

11

12 **CRAIG WOODS:** THE PRESENCE OF A AUTHORIZED CHILD IN THE HOME?
13 IT WOULD NOT HAVE CONCERNED ME.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. I SAID AN AUTISTIC CHILD.

16

17 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD NOT HAVE CONCERNED YOU?

20

21 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, SIR. PROVIDING THAT CHILD WAS APPROPRIATELY
22 PLACED IN THAT HOME. AND I UNDERSTAND HE WAS PLACED UNDER THE
23 SUPERVISION OF THE REGIONAL CENTER.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S NOT --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL GET TO THAT. WERE YOU AWARE THAT THERE
3 WERE PADLOCKS ON DOORS IN THE HOME?

4

5 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, SIR, I WAS NOT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF YOU HAD KNOWN THAT THERE WERE PADLOCKS ON
8 THE DOOR, WOULD THAT HAVE CONCERNED YOU?

9

10 **CRAIG WOODS:** YES, SIR. ABSOLUTELY.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHEN YOUR CASEWORKERS OR SOCIAL WORKERS
13 WENT OUT ON A BIWEEKLY BASIS, BIMONTHLY BASIS, I'M SORRY, TO
14 LOOK AT THE HOME, THEY NEVER REPORTED TO YOU THAT THERE WERE
15 PADLOCKS ON ANY OF THE DOORS?

16

17 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, SIR, THEY DID NOT NOT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THEY DIDN'T REPORT TO YOU THAT THERE WERE
20 PADLOCKS ON THE DOORS. IT'S POSSIBLE THEY DIDN'T REPORT TO YOU
21 THAT MR. JULIAN WAS IN THE HOUSE, EITHER, SINCE SOME OF THE
22 KIDS HAD REPORTED TO OUR FOLKS OR TO I THINK IT WAS TO OUR
23 FOLKS THAT MR. JULIAN DID LIVE IN THE HOUSE.

24



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1 **CRAIG WOODS:** AGAIN, ACCORDING TO OUR SOCIAL WORKER AND OUR
2 ADMINISTRATOR, WHO VISITED THE HOME, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF
3 A MAN LIVING IN THE HOME. MR. JULIAN HAD NO CLOTHING OR ANY
4 ITEMS IN THE HOME THAT WOULD INDICATE HE RESIDED THERE. OUR
5 FOSTER PARENT GAVE US AN ADDRESS WHERE HE DID RESIDE AND THEN
6 SIGNED A STATEMENT FOR US THAT SWORE THAT HE WAS NOT RESIDING
7 IN THE HOME AND HE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE HOME.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY HAD AN INTEREST IN PROVIDING YOU WITH
10 THAT KIND OF A DECLARATION, DIDN'T THEY? BECAUSE THE FOSTER
11 MOTHER PROBABLY KNEW AS WELL IF NOT BETTER THAN ANYBODY THAT
12 MR. JULIAN WAS NOT PERMITTED TO BE IN THAT HOME, WOULD NOT
13 HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO BE IN THAT HOME BECAUSE HE HAD A
14 CRIMINAL RECORD, RIGHT? ISN'T THAT CORRECT?

15

16 **CRAIG WOODS:** OUR FOSTER PARENT, WHEN QUESTIONED IN THE
17 AFTERMATH OF THIS, WAS VERY CLEAR IN HER UNDERSTANDING THAT
18 MR. JULIAN WAS REQUIRED TO BE FINGERPRINTED AND APPROVED TO BE
19 IN THE HOME. IN 2007, SHE DID SUBMIT FOR MR. JULIAN TO BE
20 FINGERPRINTED AND APPROVED UNDER HER CERTIFICATION, AND OF
21 COURSE THAT WAS REJECTED BECAUSE OF HIS CRIMINAL RECORD. SO
22 SHE WAS CLEARLY AWARE THAT HIS REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE HAD BEEN
23 REJECTED. AND AGAIN SHE WAS MISLEADING TO US IN TELLING US AND
24 EVEN WRITING AND PUTTING IN WRITING THE FACT THAT HE WAS NOT
25 RESIDING IN THE HOME AND WAS NOT VISITING THE HOME. ONE OTHER



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1 POINT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND TO ALL
2 OF YOU IS THAT MISS BARKER WAS, IN MY ESTIMATION, LESS THAN 30
3 DAYS AWAY FROM ADOPTING THIS CHILD. AND THAT ADOPTION WAS
4 BEING MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
5 SERVICES. AN ADOPTION STUDIES, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS A LOT MORE
6 EXTENSIVE, AND IT IS A LOT MORE INTRUSIVE INTO A FOSTER
7 PARENT'S BACKGROUND AND HISTORY THAN A FOSTER PARENT
8 CERTIFICATION. SO WITH THAT IN MIND, WHEN WE ARE AWARE THAT
9 THE DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING AN ADOPTION
10 WITH A FOSTER PARENT, WE ARE, I WOULD SAY, PROBABLY IN
11 HINDSIGHT MISTAKENLY A LITTLE LESS RELUCTANT TO REMOVE A CHILD
12 FROM A HOME IF WE SUSPECT THAT THERE MAY BE SOME IMPROPRIETIES
13 IN THE HOME. THUS OUR FOSTER PARENT --

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S CRAZY. YOU SEE A FIRE, YOU'RE NOT
16 GOING TO CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE SOMEBODY ELSE MAY
17 HAVE CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?

18

19 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, THAT'S WHY WE WENT TO THE HOME, SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH, ON TWO OCCASIONS TO CHECK TO SEE --

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU WENT TO THE HOME. YOU DIDN'T SEE THE
23 PADLOCKED DOORS. YOU DIDN'T SEE MR. JULIAN. YOU DIDN'T SEE
24 ANYTHING WRONG. ALL THE REPORTS GAVE THE HOME A TOTAL PASS.



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1 AND YOU JUST SAID A MINUTE AGO THAT MR. JULIAN VISITED IN THE
2 HOME, I THINK I HEARD YOU SAY THAT.

3

4 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, I DID NOT SAY THAT, SIR. I SAID OUR FOSTER
5 PARENT SIGNED A STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD NOT VISIT THE HOME AND
6 HE WOULD NOT RESIDE IN THE HOME.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT SOME OF THE KIDS IN THE HOME TOLD THE
9 INVESTIGATORS THAT HE HAD BEEN IN THE HOME. AND THE FACT THAT
10 SHE -- I DON'T WANT TO REALLY GO ROUND AND AROUND ON THIS, BUT
11 THIS LAST POINT, WE WILL DEAL WITH OUR END OF THE SITUATION.
12 AND I DON'T THINK THAT WHATEVER MISTAKES OUR DEPARTMENT OF
13 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES MAY HAVE MADE -- AND THEY DID --
14 WHATEVER MISTAKES THEY MADE DON'T ABSOLVE YOU FROM FULFILLING
15 YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES. AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE, FROM MY
16 POINT OF VIEW, THE WRONG ROAD TO GO DOWN BECAUSE I'M NOT AT
17 LIBERTY -- NONE OF US ARE AT LIBERTY TO DISCUSS WHAT'S BEING
18 DONE INTERNALLY IN THAT PARTICULAR CASE. BUT SUFFICE IT TO SAY
19 IT IS AS SWIFT AND APPROPRIATE AS WHAT'S BEING RECOMMENDED IN
20 YOUR CASE. AND I SAID THE OTHER DAY THAT THIS IS NOT -- SHOULD
21 NOT BE VIEWED, INTENDED TO PICK ON YOUR AGENCY. WE'VE ASKED
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO LOOK AT ALL
23 OF THE 60 OR 61 FOSTER AGENCIES TO SEE WHETHER THE SAME KINDS
24 OF PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARISEN IN YOUR AGENCY'S SITUATION HAVE
25 ARISEN IN OTHERS. BECAUSE MY BET IS THAT THE ODDS ARE VERY



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1 HIGH THAT YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY AGENCY THAT HAS FACED THIS KIND
2 OF A SITUATION AND THAT THERE ARE OTHERS WHERE CHILDREN ARE AT
3 RISK AND THEY OUGHT TO BE TAKEN OUT OF RISK. AND WHATEVER
4 NEEDS TO BE DONE TO TAKE THEM OUT OF RISK SHOULD BE DONE. AND
5 I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU OR POUNCE ON YOU
6 ANYMORE THAN YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN POUNCED ON BY THE
7 CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT I WILL JUST SAY THAT IN OUR REVIEW OF THE
8 FILES, YOUR VERSION OF WHAT'S GONE ON IN THAT HOME AND THE
9 RECORD'S VERSION OF WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THAT HOME AND OF COURSE
10 THE RESULT OF A DEAD CHILD, VIOLA, WHICH IS --

11

12 **CRAIG WOODS:** EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE AND VERY TRAGIC.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS THE NUMBER ONE PIECE OF EVIDENCE OF
15 WHAT'S GONE ON THERE, YOUR VERSION AND OUR VERSION ARE LIKE
16 NIGHT AND DAY. AND WE HAVE SOME CULPABILITY, WHEN I SAY WE, I
17 MEAN THE COUNTY FAMILY HAS SOME CULPABILITY HERE, TOO. BUT
18 EVEN SO, THE INVESTIGATION THAT'S BEEN DONE BY OUR DEPARTMENT
19 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES DIFFERS FROM YOUR ACCOUNT OF
20 THE EVENTS LIKE NIGHT AND DAY. AND I THINK WE'RE ALL COMMITTED
21 TO MAKING, IF WE CAN, TO MAKING THIS THE LAST TWO CHILDREN WHO
22 DIE IN OUR COUNTY. THE ODDS ARE THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN,
23 EITHER. BUT THAT SHOULD BE OUR OBJECTIVE AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE
24 HERE TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25



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1 **CRAIG WOODS:** IF I CAN MAKE ONE OTHER COMMENT? AGAIN, THE
2 FOSTER HOME WAS -- AND THE PLACEMENT OF VIOLA VAN CLEEF WAS
3 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ADOPTION DIVISION.
4 WHEN THE ADOPTION DIVISION IS INVOLVED IN A CASE WITH A FOSTER
5 CHILD, IT TENDS TO TAKE A PRECEDENT OVER THE FOSTER FAMILY
6 AGENCY'S MANAGING OF THE FILE, JUST THE FILE AND THE ISSUES
7 AND THE DETAILS RELATED TO THE ADOPTION HOME STUDY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? ARE YOU SAYING
10 BECAUSE SHE WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION, YOU DIDN'T
11 ADEQUATELY RIGOROUSLY REVIEW THE HOME?

12

13 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT'S THE POINT OF BRINGING THAT UP,
16 OTHER THAN TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM YOUR RESPONSIBILITY? WHAT
17 DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

18

19 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, NO, NO. IT'S NOT INTENDED TO DO THAT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE WHETHER SHE
22 WAS OR WASN'T UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION? AS FAR AS YOUR
23 AGENCY IS CONCERNED.

24



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1 **CRAIG WOODS:** WELL, BECAUSE WE FOLLOW THE DEPARTMENT'S LEAD.

2 AND IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED --

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT LEAD?

5

6 **CRAIG WOODS:** THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE HOME FOR AN ADOPTION.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THEY HADN'T MADE THAT DETERMINATION YET.

9 YOUR OWN SOCIAL WORKER WENT IN THERE, YOU JUST TESTIFIED

10 YOURSELF, WENT INTO THIS HOME.

11

12 **CRAIG WOODS:** ABSOLUTELY. I'M NOT IGNORING THAT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID NOT SEE THE PADLOCKS ON THE DOOR. DID

15 NOT SEE THE CAMERAS THAT WERE ALL OVER. I DIDN'T ASK YOU ABOUT

16 THE CAMERAS, BUT THERE WERE CAMERAS IN VIRTUALLY EVERY

17 CORRIDOR AND EVERY ROOM IN THE HOUSE.

18

19 **CRAIG WOODS:** THERE WERE WHAT? I'M SORRY.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAMERAS. VIDEO CAMERAS. WERE YOU AWARE OF

22 THAT?

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24 **CRAIG WOODS:** NO, SIR, I WAS NOT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO SHE DIDN'T REPORT OR HE, WHOEVER
2 YOUR SOCIAL WORKER WAS, AND THEY WORKED FOR YOU?

3

4 **CRAIG WOODS:** RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DIDN'T REPORT TO YOU THAT THERE WERE
7 PADLOCKED DOORS, THAT THERE WERE CAMERAS IN THE PLACE.

8

9 **CRAIG WOODS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DIDN'T REPORT TO YOU THAT MR. JULIAN HAD
12 BEEN SEEN THERE. MAYBE SHE DIDN'T SEE HIM THERE.

13

14 **CRAIG WOODS:** THERE WERE OBVIOUSLY SOME ERRORS ON THE PART OF
15 OUR SOCIAL WORKER IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. THERE'S NO DOUBT
16 ABOUT THAT. AND I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHETHER
19 SHE WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION OR NOT. AND I DON'T
20 THINK IT HELPS YOUR ARGUMENT. ANYWAY, I'M DONE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WHAT IS UNFAIR HERE IS THAT
23 WE'RE REALLY BEING MUZZLED AND CAN'T SAY ANYTHING. AND I
24 APPRECIATE IT. BUT IT'S A VERY DIFFERENT SET OF FACTS AND WE
25 CAN'T SAY ANYTHING TO COUNTER IT. BUT I WILL SAY THIS: I DON'T



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1 KNOW THAT HALF OF OUR FOSTER CARE PARENTS ARE CRIMINALS. YOU
2 MADE A STATEMENT THAT SAYS THAT. AND I DISAGREE WITH THAT. AND
3 I'M GOING TO LOOK INTO IT BECAUSE I THINK YOU'RE WRONG. AND IN
4 ADDITION, MR. WOODS HAS BEEN HERE BEFORE ON ANOTHER SUCH
5 SITUATION IN WHICH AN AUDIT WAS DONE. AND THE FINDINGS WERE
6 VERY ALARMING. AT THAT TIME, WE DIDN'T TAKE ANY ACTION OTHER
7 THAN ASKING FOR OUR MONEY BACK THAT WAS OVERSPENT. AND THAT IS
8 A PUBLIC RECORDS ITEM, SO I THINK IT SPEAKS TO SOME OF THE
9 ISSUES HERE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. WOODS. NEXT WE HAVE
10 MISS SARA BAILEY.

11

12 **SARA BAILEY:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS SARA BAILEY AND MY
13 COMMENTS HERE TODAY ARE DIRECTED IN SUPPORT OF THE FAMILIES
14 AND THE CHILDREN OF UNITED CARE. ALTHOUGH I'M NOT PRIVY TO THE
15 DETAILS SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF VIOLA, I'M HERE TO SHARE THE
16 FACT THAT ALL OF OUR FOSTER FAMILIES MOURN DEEPLY OVER THIS
17 INCIDENT AND THE LOSS OF THIS CHILD. AGAIN, MY PURPOSE HERE
18 TODAY IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONSIDER THE CHILDREN AS A
19 PRIORITY AND THEIR SAFETY, AS WELL, THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY
20 ANY DECISION MADE. I'D JUST LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ALL
21 ENSURE THAT WHATEVER DECISIONS ARE MADE WILL HAVE THE LEAST
22 AMOUNT OF DISRUPTION TO THE CHILDREN AND THE FAMILIES THAT
23 WILL BE AFFECTED. AS I SAID, I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS INCIDENT
24 INVOLVES A LOT OF OTHER DETAILS THAT WILL BE TAKEN INTO
25 ACCOUNT. MY ADVOCACY, AGAIN, IS ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILIES AND



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1 THE CHILDREN AND THE WONDERFUL FOSTER MOMS AND FATHERS THAT
2 WILL BE AFFECTED BY YOUR DECISION TODAY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS BAILEY. ALL RIGHT. THE
5 ITEM IS BEFORE US.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE IT.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK TRISH A QUESTION
12 ON SOMETHING ELSE RELATED?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE. TO WHO?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TRISH PLOEHN. IS SHE HERE? GET HER, OKAY.
17 TRISH, WHILE YOU'RE WALKING UP, I'LL ASK YOU THE QUESTION.
18 RELATED TO THIS, WAS YOUR PLAN THAT WE DISCUSSED LAST WEEK IN
19 CLOSED SESSION TO LOOK AT THE -- TO TAKE A MEANINGFUL SAMPLE
20 OF THE OTHER 60 HOMES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND COMPLETE SUCH
21 AN INVESTIGATION IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS TO DETERMINE
22 WHETHER THE CONDITIONS ARE APPROPRIATE OR NOT APPROPRIATE IN
23 THOSE HOMES, IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT KIND OF FOLKS ARE YOU GOING TO BE
3 SENDING IN TO DO THIS, I'LL CALL IT AN AUDIT FOR SHORTCUT
4 PURPOSES.

5

6 **TRISH PLOEHN:** IT'S ACTUALLY A THREE-PART AUDIT. WE'RE WORKING
7 IN CONJUNCTION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.
8 I'LL BE SENDING ALL OF MY SOCIAL WORKERS OUT TO SEE EACH CHILD
9 THAT IS IN ONE OF THE F.F.A. HOMES. THERE ARE OVER 5,000
10 CHILDREN IN THOSE HOMES AND OVER 2,500 HOMES. IN ADDITION TO
11 THAT, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE STATE AND AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO
12 GO INTO EACH AGENCY AND DO A REVIEW OF THEIR RECORDS,
13 INCLUDING THE VISITS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER FOR THAT PARTICULAR
14 AGENCY AND WHETHER THERE ARE ANY INFRACTIONS THAT ARE NOTED.
15 SO WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE CHILDREN TO ENSURE SAFETY, AT THE
16 HOMES TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S NO FACILITIES VIOLATIONS AND THEN
17 AT THE RECORDS THEMSELVES.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO ON THE ONES THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE
20 DOING, THE RANDOM SAMPLE YOU'RE GOING TO BE DOING, THAT PIECE
21 OF THIS?

22

23 **TRISH PLOEHN:** FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE HOMES, WE ARE DOING A
24 100 PERCENT REVIEW. FOR THE RECORDS, WE WILL BE DOING A SAMPLE
25 OF APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT. IF ANY OF THOSE RECORDS INDICATE



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1 THAT THERE'S CONCERNS, THEN WE WILL OPEN THAT AGENCY'S RECORDS
2 UP TO A LARGER --

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHEN YOU SAY RECORDS, YOU MEAN WRITTEN
5 RECORDS, THE FILE?

6

7 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE -
10 - WELL, LET ME BACK UP. YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK AT EVERY SINGLE
11 CHILD IN EVERY SINGLE HOME UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE 60 OR 61
12 FOSTER AGENCIES.

13

14 **TRISH PLOEHN:** ACTUALLY THERE'S CURRENTLY 57 AT THIS POINT.
15 BUT, YES, EVERY HOME AND EVERY CHILD IN ONE OF THOSE HOMES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU'RE SENDING SOCIAL WORKERS IN TO DO
18 THAT?

19

20 **TRISH PLOEHN:** CORRECT. D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKERS WILL BE GOING
21 OUT TO DO THAT WORK IN THE HOMES AS WELL AS TO SEE THE
22 CHILDREN. WE WILL BE ALSO WORKING, THEN, WITH MY STAFF, ALONG
23 WITH AUDITOR-CONTROLLER STAFF, TO ACTUALLY DO THE REVIEW OF
24 RECORDS. AND HOPEFULLY WE REQUESTED THE STATE'S PARTICIPATION,



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1 AS WELL, BECAUSE THEY DO THE LICENSING OF THESE HOMES, SO WE
2 ARE ASKING THE STATE TO ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THESE REVIEWS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** AT THE SAME TIME? AT THE SAME TIME YOUR FOLKS GO
5 IN?

6

7 **TRISH PLOEHN:** YES. CORRECT. WE HAVEN'T HEARD BACK FROM THE
8 STATE, BUT I KNOW THAT COUNTY COUNSEL HAS ALSO CONTACTED
9 COUNTY COUNSEL'S ATTORNEYS TO ASK THEM TO COME IN TO ASSIST
10 LOS ANGELES AND OUR DEPARTMENT IN DOING THIS TOTAL REVIEW OF
11 ALL F.F.A.S IN THIS COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT IT WAS AT THE
14 SAME TIME.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST ONE LAST QUESTION I HAVE. HOW LONG WILL
17 IT TAKE YOU TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW OF EVERY CHILD IN THESE 57
18 HOMES? HOMES OF THE 57 AGENCIES?

19

20 **TRISH PLOEHN:** I HAVE ASKED MY STAFF TO COMPLETE THOSE DURING
21 THE MONTH OF APRIL AND HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED
22 INTO THE COMPUTER BY THE FIFTH OF MAY SO THAT BY THE MIDDLE OF
23 MAY WE WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT BACK TO YOU ANY DIFFICULTIES
24 THAT WE'VE HAD, ANY FINDINGS THAT WE CAME UP WITH, IF THERE



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1 ARE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF ANY OTHER LICENSES THAT NEED TO BE
2 OR CERTIFICATIONS THAT NEED TO BE TERMINATED BY THIS BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IN ALL THE THREE COMPONENT PARTS OF THIS
5 REVIEW ARE GOING TO BE DONE SIMULTANEOUSLY?

6

7 **TRISH PLOEHN:** CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO BY MAY WE WILL HAVE THE REPORT ON ALL
10 ASPECTS OF YOUR AUDIT?

11

12 **TRISH PLOEHN:** YES. BY MAY 15TH WE'LL BE READY TO REPORT BACK
13 TO THE BOARD IF THERE IS ANY ACTION THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. AND YOUR SOCIAL WORKERS THAT YOU'RE
16 SENDING OUT ARE GOING TO BE UNIQUELY -- I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU
17 ARE PROVIDING THEM WITH A ROAD MAP OF WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
18 AND THEY'RE UNIQUELY TRAINED FOR THIS PARTICULAR PURPOSE?
19 YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOUR BEST SOCIAL WORKERS ON THIS I ASSUME?

20

21 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THAT'S CORRECT. AND WE'VE DEVELOPED A VERY
22 COMPREHENSIVE FORM THAT THE WORKERS, BE IT THE STATE WORKERS,
23 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, MY STAFF WILL GO THROUGH TO ENSURE
24 THAT ALL QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED AND THAT THERE IS ACTUALLY NO
25 STONE LEFT UNTURNED. THAT THERE IS NO CHILDREN LEFT IN DANGER.



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1 THAT THERE ARE NO ADULTS IN THESE HOMES THAT WE DON'T KNOW
2 THAT THEY'RE THERE, THAT THERE ARE NO ADULTS IN THIS HOME
3 WITHOUT CRIMINAL CHECKS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASKING THE KIDS IN
6 THE HOMES ABOUT THESE KINDS OF THINGS?

7

8 **TRISH PLOEHN:** CORRECT. WE WILL BE ASKING WHERE DO THEY SLEEP?
9 WHO LIVES IN THE HOME? IDENTIFYING EVERY INDIVIDUAL THAT'S
10 THERE AND INTERVIEWING THEM AND THEN CHECKING TO MAKE SURE
11 THERE'S NO CRIMINAL BACKGROUNDS THAT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF
12 ANYONE IN THAT HOME.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **TRISH PLOEHN:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION. THE UNITED CARE IS DELINQUENT OF
21 APPROXIMATELY \$275,000?

22

23 **TRISH PLOEHN:** IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 274. THEY MADE A PAYMENT OF
24 ABOUT \$50,000, AND SUBSEQUENT ABOUT ANOTHER \$16,000 ON TOP OF



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1 THAT. SO I BELIEVE AT THIS POINT THEY OWE US A LITTLE OVER
2 \$200,000.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN WE TAKE ACTION TODAY, THEY'RE STILL
5 LIABLE TO REIMBURSE US FOR THOSE DOLLARS?

6

7 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** YES, SINCE IT'S STILL AN OUTSTANDING
8 CLAIM, YES. AND THEY HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO PAY OVER A
9 PERIOD OF TIME.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT?

14

15 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** ONLY I THINK IT SHOULD BE NOTED AS THE
16 DIRECTOR HAS NOTED THAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS DESIGNATED
17 THREE OF ITS STAFF MEMBERS DRAWN FROM THE COUNTY-WIDE CONTRACT
18 MONITORING DIVISION TO ASSIST D.C.F.S. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH
19 THE STATE AGENCY, WHICH HAS THE PRIMARY LICENSING
20 RESPONSIBILITY. THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN TAKE CERTAIN
21 KINDS OF ACTION ON THE LICENSES. SO WE ARE EITHER ASKING FOR
22 ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY FROM THE STATE OR AN AGREEMENT FROM THE
23 STATE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE, WITH OUR LAWYERS AND OUR SOCIAL
24 WORKERS AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE TO BE ABLE TO



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1 PROCEED TO TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION SHOULD WE FIND
2 CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE REST OF THE REVIEW.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. IF THERE IS NO
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK, MADAM CHAIR, THAT TAKES CARE OF ME.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES YOUR ITEMS. ALL RIGHT. THEN
10 I'M GOING TO ASK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HIS SPECIALS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD MOVE THAT WE
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF DIANE LOUISE HAUSER. WHO WAS BORN
14 IN SAN GABRIEL, PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 12 AT THE AGE OF 53. SHE
15 GREW UP IN THE SOUTH BAY HARBOR AREA AND MARRIED HER HIGH
16 SCHOOL SWEETHEART IN 1975. SHE WORKED IN NUMEROUS
17 ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES FOR COMPANIES IN GARDENA, TORRANCE
18 AND CARSON. SHE LOVED TO DANCE, LOVED TO TEACH AEROBICS AT
19 LOCATIONS IN HERMOSA AND MANHATTAN. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY HER
20 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS, DANIEL AND
21 NICKIE CARTAGENA; AND TWO CHILDREN, NICOLE AND JOHN;
22 GRANDDAUGHTER, MEMORY; FOUR BROTHERS, AND MANY NEPHEWS AND
23 NIECES. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
24 MEMORY OF TRUMAN BARRETT. THE REVEREND TRUMAN BARRETT WAS A
25 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE



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1 AGE OF 87. HE WAS A RETIRED METHODIST MINISTER AND WAS A WORLD
2 WAR II ARMY VETERAN IN THE PACIFIC THEATER. REVEREND BARRETT
3 WAS PREVIOUSLY A CHIROPRACTIC DOCTOR BEFORE BEING ORDAINED IN
4 1955. HE SERVED IN A MULTITUDE OF SOUTHLAND CHURCHES BEFORE
5 BEING ASSIGNED TO A TWO-YEAR OVERSEAS MISSION AND ESTABLISHING
6 AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION IN THE METHODIST CHURCH OF
7 SOUTH AFRICA. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF OVER 58 YEARS,
8 PATSY; TWO CHILDREN, ELIZABETH AND ROBERT; NINE GRANDCHILDREN
9 AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR.
10 CHAIR.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING
15 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. ETHIE WEAVER RADANOVICH, WHO WAS THE WIFE
16 OF CONGRESSMAN GEORGE RADANOVICH, PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 4
17 THIS YEAR. SHE LEAVES HER SON, KING, WHO IS 11 YEARS OLD, AND
18 GEORGE. ETHIE HAD JOINED THE WOODWARD AND MCDOWELL CONSULTING
19 FIRM, IT WAS A POLITICAL AFFAIRS, POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ADVOCACY
20 CONSULTANT ON BOTH THE NATIONAL AND STATE LEVELS AND WAS
21 EMPLOYED WITH THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL COMMITTEE.
22 SHE FOUGHT A VERY COURAGEOUS CANCER BATTLE, AND AS I SAID,
23 PASSED AWAY. GEORGE WAS RETIRING FROM CONGRESS THIS YEAR TO
24 SPEND FULL-TIME WITH ETHIE AS SHE WAS GOING THROUGH HER
25 MEDICAL TREATMENTS, AND THEIR SON AND WILL BE RETURNING TO



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1 MARIPOSA COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT KING HAS A FATHER THAT WILL BE
2 WITH HIM ALL THE TIME, GIVING HIM THE PROPER GUIDANCE. ALSO,
3 MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT WHITE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85 AND
4 WAS A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, KOREA, AND THE VIETNAM WARS. HE
5 WAS A PILOT WHO BROKE THE MACH 4, 5 AND 6 AND LATER FLEW AN X-
6 15 NEARLY 60 MILES HIGH AND WAS ONE OF THREE SUCH PILOTS WHO
7 AWARDED ASTRONAUT WINGS AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. HE HAD
8 COMMANDED THE AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST CENTER AT EDWARDS BEFORE
9 HIS RETIREMENT IN 1981. SOLVEIG TRAEGER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE
10 CRESCENTA VALLEY COUNCIL AND LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LA
11 CRESCENTA. SHE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 26. SPEARHEADED THE
12 RENOVATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY IN LA CRESCENTA
13 AND SERVED ON THE TOWN COUNCIL FROM 1994 TO 1997. DURING THAT
14 TIME ESTABLISHED A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR STUDENTS AT CRESCENTA
15 VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER AND
16 DAUGHTER, FOUR SONS AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. SISTER EILEEN
17 THRERESE PRSHA OF THE ORDER OF ST. JOSEPH'S OF CARONDELET,
18 PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 24. LOUISE VIOLET THOMPSON, PASSED AWAY
19 AT THE AGE OF 96 AT BURBANK. SHE AND HER LATE HUSBAND HAD
20 OPERATED THE MARYLAND GRILL RESTAURANT IN BURBANK. AND WHEN HE
21 PASSED AWAY, FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS, SHE CONTINUED TO OPERATE
22 THAT RESTAURANT, AS WELL, AND WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE
23 CANOGA PARK REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATION, THE SANTA
24 MONICA WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE SALVATION ARMY FOR 30 YEARS.
25 AND SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER TWO DAUGHTERS. MARY KESSELRING OF



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1 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO WAS ACTIVE IN THE PALMDALE WOMEN'S
2 CLUB, THE P.T.A., FRIENDS OF THE PALMDALE LIBRARY AND THE
3 BOARD OF AMERICAN SADDLE BRED ASSOCIATION AND ST. MARY'S
4 CHURCH AND FATHER SERRA PARISH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR
5 DAUGHTERS AND ONE SON. WAYNE COLETT, RECIPIENT OF THE SILVER
6 MEDAL FOR THE UNITED STATES IN THE 1972 OLYMPICS IN MUNICH,
7 WHERE AT U.C.L.A. HE WAS CLOSE TO THE WORLD RECORDS IN THE 440
8 AND 400-DASH AND 440-YARD HURDLES. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
9 WIFE, WHICH IS JUDGE EMILY STEVENS, WHO SERVES ON OUR
10 DEPENDENCY COURT. AND JOAN ANDERSON OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE
11 AND HER HUSBAND DOUG COFOUNDED CENTURY 21 DOUG ANDERSON
12 ASSOCIATES. FOR 37 YEARS SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
13 COMPANY. AND ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. ITEM NO.
14 30.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNDER 38, I'D LIKE TO MOVE IT WITH THE
19 AMENDMENT THAT THE BOARD MOVE THAT PUBLIC WORKS ALSO RESEARCH
20 THE IMPACTS AND COSTS OF BASIN CLEANOUT AND SEDIMENT REMOVAL
21 ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATION FIRE AND THE OVERALL ECONOMIC
22 STABILITY OF THE COUNTY FLOOD DEPARTMENT CONTROL DISTRICT BOTH
23 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 AND THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WITH A
24 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS. SO I'D MOVE THE MOTION AS
25 AMENDED.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BUT YOU'RE STILL APPROVING THIS
3 ITEM.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 38?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. YOU'RE APPROVING IT?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. ALL RIGHT. BUT THAT'S AN AMENDMENT TO
10 IT, AS WELL. ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY MYSELF, IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO
12 ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NO. 11.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WAS ALREADY --

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WAS PASSED?

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THAT'S ALL I HAD, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS
25 TODAY. I'M GOING TO CALL UP DR. CLAVREUL. DR. CLAVREUL HAS



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1 HELD ITEMS 1, 28, 33, S-1 AND 27. I'M GOING TO ASK MR. SACHS
2 TO JOIN US BECAUSE HE HELD S-1 AND 27, AS WELL. DR. CLAVREUL?
3 MR. SACHS?

4

5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
6 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON S-1, I'M A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED
7 THAT THE REPORT WAS NOT READ BUT ACCEPTED AS FILED. WE'RE
8 HAVING AN INCREASE IN THE WAITING TIME IN THE E.R., WE HAVE AN
9 INCREASE ON PATIENTS LEAVING WITHOUT BEING SEEN. WE HAVE AN
10 INCREASE OF PATIENTS WHO ARE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER HOSPITALS,
11 INCREASING OUR COSTS. SO THOSE ARE MY TWO CENTS. ON ITEM 27,
12 YOU SAID?

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO. 1.

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ONE? WELL, IT'S THE SAME COMPLAINT I
17 USUALLY HAVE ABOUT THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. EVERY MEMBER WHICH
18 HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY THE H.I.V. COMMISSION IS RECEIVING
19 TREATMENT FOR H.I.V. OR PROVIDING TREATMENT FOR H.I.V., WHICH
20 IS TOTALLY A VIOLATION OF O.S.H.A. RULES. AND EVENTUALLY, YOU
21 KNOW, I KNOW YOU HAVE NOT BEEN LISTENING, BUT EVENTUALLY YOU
22 MIGHT HAVE TO RETURN ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE RECEIVED UNDER
23 THOSE CRITERIA.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 20?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE THE OTHER ITEMS?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE OTHER ITEMS, 27, 28 AND 33?

5

6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** 27 AND 28. OH, IT'S HAVING TO DO WITH
7 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. AND, YOU KNOW, WE ARE HAVING THOSE
8 CONTRACTS CONSTANTLY BEING APPROVED FOR INFORMATION
9 TECHNOLOGY. WE HAVE HOSPITALS WHO DON'T TALK TO EACH OTHER.
10 IT'S OBVIOUS CHILDREN'S SERVICES DON'T HAVE THE APPROPRIATE
11 SOFTWARE EITHER. AND I HAVE REPEATEDLY REQUESTED UNDER THE
12 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TO GET THE COPY OF THE CONTRACTS
13 YOU HAVE ON THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. I'M STILL WAITING. AND
14 I WILL KEEP ON ASKING UNTIL I GET IT. I'M SURE EVENTUALLY
15 WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF SOLE VENDOR
16 CONTRACTS, DUPLICATION OF CONTRACTS, AND JUST YOU KNOW, BRING
17 BACK THE ONE ABOUT I.B.M., WE HAD A 100 MILLION CONTRACT WITH
18 I.B.M. WITH A POSSIBILITY TO DECREASE OR INCREASE THIS AMOUNT
19 BY 30 PERCENT. 30 PERCENT OF \$100 MILLION IS 30 MILLION. I
20 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THEY DON'T HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE
21 BOARD FOR A \$30 MILLION EXPENDITURE. AND THAT HAS GONE ON FOR
22 ALMOST EVERY CONTRACT IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. I THINK
23 THAT'S A PLACE WHERE THE COUNTY IS VERY DEFICIENT. I THINK WE
24 HAVE SO MANY CONTRACTS IS UNBELIEVABLE. AND THEY ARE SO
25 INEFFICIENT, THEY CANNOT EVEN GIVE US AN AMOUNT OF CONTRACT OR



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1 HOW MANY CONTRACTS WE HAVE WITH WHOM AND WHAT THOSE CONTRACTS
2 ARE DOING. THAT'S ABSURD. ON 28, IT IS ABOUT THE SAME THING.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 33.

5

6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** 20, IT IS AN ALSO AN ISSUE OF --

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YOU HAVE ITEM 33, AS WELL.

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I WILL PASS ON THIS ONE, THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS, ON S-1 AND ON 27,
13 PLEASE.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
16 ON S-1, I JUST HAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF
17 HEALTH SERVICES MORE THAN REPORTING ON THE L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL
18 CENTER. BUT R.A.M., I'VE READ THAT R.A.M. IS COMING TO THE
19 SPORTS ARENA, REMOTE AREA MEDICAL PROGRAM THAT WAS HELD AT THE
20 FORUM AT INGLEWOOD. AND SO I WOULD HOPE THAT THE HEALTH
21 SERVICES WOULD HAVE TO BE INVOLVED THERE. BUT IN ADDITION THAT
22 SINCE IT'S GOING TO BE IN APRIL AND IT'S GOING TO BE DURING
23 THE WEEK AND IT'S GOING TO BE CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN, THAT METRO,
24 THE CITY AND THE SHERIFFS WERE ALL MAKING SOME KIND OF
25 CONTINGENT PLAN FOR THIS EVENT BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT WHEN



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1 THEY HELD IT AT THE FORUM, IT WAS SWARMED, PEOPLE WERE PARKING
2 OUTSIDE THE FORUM FOR THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE AND ALL KINDS OF
3 DIFFERENT SCENARIOS THAT OCCURRED WITH THE OVERFLOW CROWDS.
4 AND SINCE THIS IS CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN, THE EFFECT ON THE 110
5 FREEWAY AND WITH METRO TRANSPORTATION COULD BE DEVASTATING IN
6 THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE SOME KIND OF CONTINGENCY PLAN ALSO
7 BASED ON WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE H1N1 VACCINATIONS THAT WERE
8 ANNOUNCED AND HOW THOSE WERE SWARMED BY OUTSIDERS TO THE
9 CITIES. JUST A FOREWARNING SO THAT YOU'RE NOT CAUGHT UNAWARES
10 THAT THIS PROGRAM IS GOING TO OCCUR. AND AS FAR AS THE OTHER
11 ITEM YOU ASKED ME TO TALK ABOUT, ON THE COMPUTER UPDATES. IN A
12 FEW YEARS, THIS WILL BE REMINISCENT OF WHEN THE SWALLOWS COME
13 TO CAPISTRANO, EVERY AGENDA AND EVERY YEAR WILL HAVE A TIME
14 FOR COMPUTER UPDATES BECAUSE THE PROGRAMS ARE FALLING FURTHER
15 AND FURTHER BEHIND. IT'S JUST MIND BOGGLING. YOU HAD AN ITEM
16 CONTINUED WHAT ARE THE GUARANTEES THAT THREE YEARS, ONE YEAR,
17 FOUR YEARS, EVERY YEAR THAT WE'RE UPDATING TO THE NEWER,
18 BETTER EFFICIENT. AND YET PROGRAMS COME BEFORE YOU AND SAY
19 WE'RE NOT GETTING THE INFORMATION SHARED AMONGST THOSE THAT
20 NEED TO HAVE THE INFORMATION SHARED. THERE'S DEFINITELY --
21 THIS IS FURTHER THAN THE MANAGER OF THE DEPARTMENTS. THIS IS
22 DIRECTED AT THE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 1, 28, 33, S-1, AND 27. MOVED BY
25 MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE IS NO



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1 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ITEM 43 MR. ROBINSON? YOU
2 CAN COME ON BACK, MR. SACHS. I UNDERSTAND YOU ALSO WANT TO BE
3 HEARD ON 43. MR. ROBINSON, WOULD YOU BEGIN? THANK YOU. WE
4 REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

5

6 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS. IN 2001, THE
7 PROCESS OF DEFENDING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SEPTEMBER
8 11, 2001, BEGAN. WE ENTERED A WARTIME ECONOMY. THANK GOD WE
9 DEFENDED OURSELVES. WE'RE DEFENDING OURSELVES. HOWEVER, WE
10 FLOODED THE WORLD'S ECONOMIES WITH GREENBACKS, WE LOWERED THE
11 PRIME RATE TO ZERO. WE'RE BORROWING FROM THE FED. THE HOUSING
12 DEBACLE WAS INEVITABLE. WE ARE WINNING. AND AS WE PROGRESS ONE
13 DAY AT A TIME IN THE PROCESS OF RETURNING TO A PEACETIME
14 ECONOMY, PRESIDENT OBAMA'S THE PRESIDENT. WE NO LONGER HAVE
15 THE TRICKLE DOWN THEORY. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WE'RE NO LONGER
16 THINKING IN TERMS OF PRIVATIZATION. WE'RE THINKING IN TERMS OF
17 NEW DEAL. WE'RE THINKING IN TERMS OF HELPING THE LITTLE GUY,
18 THE JOE SIX-PACK. AND AS THE OBVIOUS OCCURS AS THE WHITE
19 HOUSE, CONGRESS, THE SUPREME COURT ARE SOLIDLY PLACED INTO THE
20 HANDS OF A PERSON WHO IS PROVIDING EXCITEMENT, HOPE AND
21 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WORLD, THEN WE'RE GOING TO SEE MORE AND
22 MORE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL JOBS, TRILLIONS OF
23 DOLLARS OVER THE YEARS ARE GOING TO BE PLACED INTO THE
24 ROOSEVELT-ERA TYPE W.P.A., PUT PEOPLE TO WORK JOBS. SO, I'M
25 WONDERING WHY WE ARE SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY TO HIRE, GLORIA,



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1 FOLKS OUTSIDE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WHEN WE COULD SAY, HEY, MAN,
2 INSTEAD OF LAYING THIS GUY OFF OVER HERE OR THIS WOMAN OVER
3 HERE, LAYING HER OFF, WHY DON'T WE SAY "ARE YOU WILLING TO
4 WORK FOR A REDUCED RATE AND CLEAN UP THE COUNTY?" QUESTION
5 MARK. I'M AGIN' IT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MR. ROBINSON. MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
9 SO ORDERED. THAT COMPLETES OUR ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA. WE NOW
10 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. IF I COULD ASK LYNN BOONE TO PLEASE JOIN
11 US. JOYCE KELLY, CHANTEL ROLESON, AND BOBBY COOPER. MISS
12 BOONE, COULD YOU BEGIN?

13

14 **LYNN BOONE:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LYNN BOONE AND I'M
15 FROM THE CITY OF COMPTON. MISS KELLY AND MYSELF, WE PROPOSED A
16 BOOKLET AS TO SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE BEEN ADDRESSING
17 IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. UNFORTUNATELY, MR. THOMAS ISN'T HERE
18 TODAY AND WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE WOULDN'T BE HERE. BUT I STILL
19 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT. WE'VE HAD ISSUES IN OUR CITY
20 REGARDING OUR MAYOR AND SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATION. WE'VE
21 ADDRESSED ALL THE ENTITIES THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY THINK OF.
22 WE'VE GONE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, MR. COOLEY, AND WE
23 RECEIVED A NOTICE BACK THAT HE CANNOT ASSIST US, ALTHOUGH
24 THERE ARE CRIMINAL ACTIONS TAKING PLACE IN THE CITY OF
25 COMPTON, BUT OUR MAYOR IS A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SO IT



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1 WOULD BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. WE'VE GONE TO THE FAIR
2 POLITICAL DEPARTMENT. THEY'VE RESPONDED WITH THE SAME WAY. MY
3 QUESTION IS: IT'S NOT THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE
4 CITY. WE WOULD JUST LIKE TO KNOW WHO CAN WE CONTACT THAT WILL
5 JUST CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN OUR CITY? IN THE CITY OF
6 COMPTON, WE'VE HAD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED ON OTHER MAYORS
7 AND ADMINISTRATORS WITHIN THE CITY. AND THE FINDINGS WERE
8 WHATEVER. SOME OF THEM HAVE GONE TO JAIL AND SOME HAVE BEEN
9 REPRIMANDED. BUT THIS PARTICULAR MAYOR, BECAUSE HE'S A DEPUTY
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IS LIKE -- JUST LIKE HE'S TELLING US. HE'S
11 UNTOUCHABLE. ANYONE YOU GO TO WILL SAY IT'S A CONFLICT OF
12 INTEREST. AS FAR AS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CITY? IT'S LIKE
13 THEY'RE SITTING ON A TIME BOMB THERE. THERE'S NOTHING IN THAT
14 CITY FOR THEM. AND THEY'RE LOOKING AND THE MENTALITY IS THAT
15 THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE. THIS IS ONE MAN, AND I JUST
16 CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY WE CANNOT GET ANY ASSISTANCE IN OUR
17 CITY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MISS BOONE. (OFF MIC COMMENTS).

20

21 **LYNN BOONE:** WE CONTACTED THAT OFFICE, AS WELL SIR. THERE'S A
22 LETTER IN THERE SAYING THEY CAN'T ASSIST US, AS WELL. (OFF MIC
23 COMMENTS).

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AM I RIGHT?



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2 **SPEAKER:** UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT'S SO. I'D BE HAPPY
3 TO LOOK AT THE LETTER AFTERWARDS.

4

5 **LYNN BOONE:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MISS KELLY?

8

9 **JOYCE KELLY:** YES. I'M JOYCE KELLY. I AM IF THE CITY OF
10 COMPTON. WHY WE DECIDED TO COME HERE IS THAT WE DO LIVE IN
11 L.A. COUNTY. AND WE ARE CONCERNED. WE LEARNED AT AN
12 EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR MARK
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD, THAT WE ARE EDUCATED, ENGAGED, EMPOWERED
14 FOR ACTION. HE TOLD US WE CAN'T GIVE UP AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO
15 GIVE UP. IN THE CITY OF COMPTON, WE'RE LIVING IN A MODERN DAY
16 APARTHEID. AND WE HAVE EVEN CONTACTED, AND A.C.L.U. ALSO KNOWS
17 SOME OF THE SITUATIONS AND THE LAWS OR TORTS THAT HAVE BEEN
18 BROKEN AND LAWS THAT HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. BUT WE WANTED TO GIVE
19 YOU SOME INFORMATION. WE ARE HERE TODAY AND WE ARE GOING
20 FORWARD. AND I THINK, MADAM CHAIR, EARLIER YOU CALLED SOMEONE
21 A FIRECRACKER. YOU MIGHT CALL THE TWO OF US FIRECRACKERS,
22 BECAUSE THIS IS A PART OF IT. AS FAR AS CIVIL RIGHTS, WE ARE
23 FIGHTING FOR OUR CIVIL RIGHTS. AND WE DON'T KNOW AND CAN'T
24 UNDERSTAND WHY NO ONE WANTS TO COME INTO THE CITY OF COMPTON.
25 AND WE THINK THAT MAYBE IT COULD BE A PART OF THE MAKEUP. WE



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1 DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POLITICS BECAUSE WE ARE NOT POLITICIANS.
2 BUT WE ONLY WANT SOMETHING GOOD TO COME OUT OF IT. WE ADDRESS
3 OUR COUNCIL PEOPLE AND LET THEM KNOW THAT OUR CHILDREN HAVE
4 NOTHING IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. NO PROGRAMS AS FAR AS BOYS AND
5 GIRLS CLUB. NO MOVIE THEATER OR THE LIKES. AND WE'RE
6 CONSTANTLY TRYING TO FIND THINGS. AND AS FAR AS OUR CIVIL
7 RIGHTS BEING VIOLATED, OUR PERSONS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. I WAS
8 BEFORE THE COUNCIL READING FROM THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND ALSO
9 FROM THE BROWN ACT. AND THE SECURITY GUARD GRABBED ME BY THE
10 ARM AND THE CITY ATTORNEY JUMPED FROM HIS SEAT YELLING TO HIM
11 TO HOLD ON, HOLD ON. HE KNEW THE LAW HAD BEEN BROKEN AND THAT
12 THEY'VE GONE TOO FAR. AND I'M TELLING YOU, THIS IS ONLY ONE
13 ACT THAT HAS BEEN A VIOLATION AGAINST US. WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS.
14 WHEN WE CRY, WE CRIED REAL TEARS. WHEN WE BLEED, WE BLEED REAL
15 BLOOD. AND PLEASE UNDERSTAND WE'RE NOT HERE FOR ANY SYMPATHY,
16 BECAUSE WE KNOW A STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE. AND I THANK YOU FOR
17 YOUR TIME. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS ROLESON.

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21 **CHANTEL ROLESON:** HI, I'M HERE LIKE I'VE BEEN COMING OVER THE
22 PAST FIVE AND A HALF YEARS. I'M HERE AGAIN RECALLING MY KIDS'
23 CASE. NO ONE SEEMS TO WANT TO HELP ME. I'VE SHOWED AND PROVEN
24 OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT MY CASE WAS SET UP. I EVEN HAVE IT ON
25 A CD WITH THE FATHER'S FRIEND WHO'S RAPPING ABOUT HOW HE



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1 NEEDED TO REMOVE HIS SON FROM MY HOME. IF THEY DON'T GIVE ME
2 MY KIDS BACK I WILL PLAY THIS FOR YOU. HERE'S A LETTER. I
3 HAVEN'T SEEN MY KIDS IN A YEAR AND A HALF. NO ONE'S LISTENING
4 TO ME. I'M TERRIFIED. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE LIVING. AND
5 I'M THEIR BIOLOGICAL MOTHER. THAT'S INSANE AND THAT'S ABSURD.
6 IT'S JUST BEEN TOO LONG. I ALSO HAD A FAMILY MEMBER WHO TOLD
7 ME THAT I WAS GOING TO GO TO JAIL BECAUSE SOMEONE IS PLOTTING
8 TO BLACKMAIL ME AGAIN. THEY'RE CALLING HER. SHE LIVES ALL THE
9 WAY UP NORTH IN VALLEJO. AND SOMEONE IS CALLING HER TELLING
10 HER THAT I'M DEFINITELY STILL INSANELY CRAZY BECAUSE I DON'T
11 REFUSE TO GIVE UP THE FIGHT AND THE STRUGGLE FOR MY KIDS'
12 RETURN BACK HOME. YOU'RE TELLING ME JUST BECAUSE I HAVE A
13 PRECONSISTING DISORDER, MY KIDS ARE NOT TO BE WITH ME? IT JUST
14 DOESN'T SOUND FAIR. AND I'M BEING JUDGED REGULARLY BECAUSE OF
15 WHAT THESE PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT ME, INCLUDING FAMILY
16 MEMBERS? I SHOULDN'T BE JUDGED ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND SOCIETY
17 IS JUDGING ME BASED ON MY CHARACTER. AND I'M VERY ANGRY
18 BECAUSE NO ONE'S LISTENING TO ME. IF I'M FIGHTING, I'M TIRED
19 OF -- THE REASON IS, IS BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF SPENDING MY
20 CHRISTMASES, MY THANKSGIVINGS, MY EASTER. HOLIDAYS ARE
21 HORRIBLE FOR ME. I HAVE NOT KILLED ANYBODY. WHY ARE THEY
22 TREATING ME LIKE A CRIMINAL WHEN MY COUSIN'S BABY DIED FROM
23 SUFFOCATION AND SHE GOT ALL HER KIDS BACK? AND THEN WHEN I GET
24 AN APARTMENT, THEY TRY TO EVICT ME. IT GOES NUMEROUS
25 SITUATIONS AND DIFFERENT THINGS AFTER ANOTHER. IT NEVER STOPS.



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1 WHEN IS IT GOING TO STOP? I CAN'T SEE. JUST SAY I CAN'T SEE
2 BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT ME TO SEE. I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING OVER
3 THE 10 YEARS WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING TO ME. AND IT'S
4 DEVASTATING. IT'S DEVASTATING. I DON'T WANT ANY OF MY KIDS
5 DYING. IF MY SON WROTE ME A LETTER SAYING THAT HE WAS BEING
6 ABUSED, BOTH KIDS WERE, AND MY SON IS CRYING TO ME BECAUSE OF,
7 YOU KNOW, HIS ASTHMA ATTACK, TELLING ME HE WANTS TO COME HOME,
8 WHY ISN'T ANYONE LISTENING? OUR MEN DOESN'T CARE, NO ONE
9 CARES. WE'RE JUST GOING ON. I'M NOT THAT SLOW. AND I DON'T
10 HAVE H.I.V. OR AIDS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS ROLESAN.

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14 **CHANTEL ROLESAN:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE OSCAR JOHNSON, ARNOLD SACHS
17 AND IRENE PANG. MR. COOPER?

18

19 **BOBBY COOPER:** YES, I'M HERE TODAY WITH REGARDS TO CALLING
20 ATTENTION TO THE F.C.C., F.B.I.?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS PANG, DO YOU WANT TO COME UP? LET ME
23 APOLOGIZE.

24

25 **BOBBY COOPER:** I'M ON MY TIME AND YOU'RE TALKING.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW. I WILL RESTART IT FOR YOU, SIR.

3

4 **BOBBY COOPER:** FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES. I'M HERE WITH
5 REGARDS TO WELLS FARGO BANK REFUSING TO GIVE AN ACCOUNTING FOR
6 MORE THAN \$10,000. THIS IS A CHECK HERE THAT WAS DEPOSITED AT
7 WELLS FARGO BANK THAT THEY WON'T GIVE ANY ACCOUNTING BECAUSE
8 THE POLICE INVOLVEMENT HIGHER UP CITY OFFICIALS ALLEGING THEY
9 DON'T HAVE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNTING. THIS WAS 2001, THIS IS 5,000
10 THAT THEY WOULDN'T ACCOUNT FOR. I WAS RUN OUT OF LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY FOR EVEN INQUIRING ABOUT IT AFTER I'D WON A JUDGMENT IN
12 COURT ABOUT AN UNLAWFUL DETAINMENT. LISTEN TO ME RIGHT HERE,
13 THIS YEAR, I WANT TO KNOW HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO BE THAT I
14 HAVE TO COME HERE BEFORE THEY REALLY TAKE MY LIFE, YOU KNOW?
15 THIS IS MY BROTHER. HE WAS ALREADY DEAD. HE'S DEAD NOW. HE WAS
16 BEAT TO DEATH. MY MOTHER IS DEAD BECAUSE OF SOCIAL SERVICE
17 WORKERS DRAGGING THEIR FEET BEHIND, YOU KNOW, MY ISSUE. YEAH.
18 THIS IS ME. HERE. LIVING IN THIS COUNTY WHERE THEY TRIED TO
19 TAKE MY LIFE AT THE HOSPITAL AFTER A SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER
20 TURNED ME OVER A RAMPART POLICE OFFICER AND A LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER TURNED ME OVER TO THEIR CUSTODY.
22 WHEN THEY GET ME IN THE HOSPITAL THEY STARTED KICKING ME IN
23 THE CHEST TRYING TO CAUSE A CARDIAC ARREST ONLY BECAUSE I HAD
24 HEART PALPITATIONS. NOW I CAN'T COME UP HERE. ONE OF THESE
25 DAYS I'M NOT GOING TO EVEN BE HERE BECAUSE OF A FEW RAMPART



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1 POLICE OFFICERS, MAINLY ONE OF THEM IS SERGEANT LEASEY 15
2 YEARS AGO IN SANCHEZ. YOUR COUNTY OF SOCIAL WORKERS ALLOWED
3 IMPROPER ACTION. YOU UNDERSTAND? THIS WOMAN HERE YOU CONTRACT
4 WITH STEALING MY MEDICINE FOR SIX MONTHS. THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS
5 WORTH OF MEDICATIONS. YOU KNOW, NOBODY DOES ANYTHING. I CALL
6 THE SOCIAL SERVICE PEOPLE AND THEY HANG UP IN MY FACE. YOU GOT
7 NINE DIFFERENT SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS THAT WERE ALLEGEDLY
8 SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING ME WITH THIS MATTER. IT'S RIDICULOUS.
9 THESE ARE MY INJURIES. THESE ARE MY INJURIES SUFFERED AT THE
10 HANDS. I'M NOT A CRIMINAL. I'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG IN THIS
11 COUNTRY BUT TRIED TO BE A DECENT, PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN. I WILL
12 BE BACK UP HERE BECAUSE I KNOW THREE MINUTES, THREE MINUTES IS
13 NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THE HORROR AND THE
14 TERRORISM THAT I'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO IN THE CITY OF LOS
15 ANGELES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. TO BE AN ORDINARY CITIZEN,
16 BUSINESSMAN, ET CETERA. I'M WORKING ON TWO FILMS. I CAN'T EVEN
17 USE MY COMPUTERS. I CAN'T EMAIL OUT. THEY'RE BLOCKING THE
18 INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS. YOU UNDERSTAND? WHY MUST I GO
19 THROUGH THIS? I'M A BLACK MAN. I DON'T SEE ANYBODY HAS ANY
20 WHITE PEOPLE GOING THROUGH THIS I DON'T SEE THEIR MONEY
21 GETTING RIPPED OFF, YOU KNOW, AND NOT GETTING ACCOUNTED FOR.
22 YOU KNOW, THIS IS REAL MONEY. HARD WORKING MONEY. THESE
23 PEOPLE, THESE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CANNOT MOONLIGHT ON MY
24 WATCH.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MR. JOHNSON, YOUR
2 LAST CALL? MISS PANG?

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4 **IRENE PANG:** YES. I'M IRENE PANG. I'D LIKE TO SAY TO SENATE A
5 GOOD LETTER FOR GOVERNMENTS IS IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY WHEN ALL
6 THE NATIONS, U.S. FACE THEM, ESPECIALLY OF -- ATTACK.
7 OTHERWISE ALL OF THE NATION IN ALL OF THE CITIES WILL BE HURT
8 DEEPLY. AND ALSO THE SITUATION IN MY CITY, EL MONTE, IN THE
9 COUPLE YEARS AGO HAD BEEN FACED -- DISASTER ATTACK. AFTER
10 THAT, AND THE CITY HAD BEEN -- WITH AN ORGANIZATION
11 CONTINUOUSLY COME TO THE CITY EL MONTE. AND THE CITY, THEY
12 NEVER ASSOCIATE -- IF THEY ARE COMING CAUSING THE CITY -- THE
13 HOUSING LAWS ALL CONNECT. AND THE BUSINESS AND THE APARTMENT
14 HOUSING OCCUPIED BY ILLEGAL OCCUPANTS. EVEN THOUGH MYSELF IN
15 THE HOUSE BELONG TO PERSON WHO'S THE FORMER -- AND I TRY TO GO
16 TO THE COURT OR TAKE THE ACTION OR GO TO IN FRONT OF HOUSE TO
17 RECOGNIZE THE PERSON THEY ARE HIDING WHEN AT NIGHT I SAW THEM
18 AND THE WHOLE PERSON AROUND ME AND -- VIOLATION. AND I BELIEVE
19 THAT VIOLATION -- TO MANAGER THE CITY AND WE'LL CAUSE THEIR
20 CITIZEN OR RESIDENTS -- TO SUFFER FROM ALL KINDS OF
21 VIOLATIONS. SECOND, THE BUSINESS, ALSO LIKE BUSINESSES OCCUPY
22 BY ILLEGAL OCCUPANTS EVEN THOUGH THEIR CAR IN THE PARKING LOT,
23 THEY BROKE THEIR GLASS, BROKE THEIR WINDOW PARKING IN THE
24 PARKING LOT AND THEN PARKING IN THE POLICE, THEIR CHIEF IN
25 FRONT OF CHIEF OFFICE. AND THOSE ARE THE VIOLATIONS I BELIEVE



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1 TO SEND A GOOD MEASURE OF THEM I BELIEVE. AND HOPEFULLY THE
2 L.A. COUNTY CONSIDER -- FOR THE CITY OF EL MONTE. AND THIRD I
3 ALSO LIKE TO CONCERN MY FAMILY MEMBERS, THE CHILDREN IN MY
4 FAMILY, THE MEMBERS OF THEIR SAFETY, AND THEIR HOUSE AND THEIR
5 PROPERTY SAFETY.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I HOPE TO WISH
10 EVERYBODY A HAPPY HOLIDAY, HAPPY EASTER AND A HEALTHY
11 PASSOVER. THAT BEING DONE, I'D LIKE TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES
12 REVIEWING LAST WEEK'S M.T.A. BOARD MEETING. I KNEW THAT WOULD
13 GET A THRILL. I'M ACTUALLY VERY DISAPPOINTED IN YOU,
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE, VERY DISAPPOINTED. AFTER READING THIS ITEM
15 ON THE M.T.A. BOARD AGENDA REGARDING THE PASADENA METRO BLUE
16 LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WILL CONSTRUCT
17 THE GOLD LINE FROM ITS CURRENT TERMINUS AT SIERRA MADRE VILLA
18 IN PASADENA TO AZUSA. I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT ALL IT WOULD HAVE
19 TAKEN TO GET THE GREEN LINE CONSTRUCTED TO THE AIRPORT WOULD
20 HAVE BEEN TO HAVE A DIFFERENT COLOR CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY.
21 BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES SENSE HERE. HOW IN
22 THE HELL THE STATE LEGISLATURE WOULD ENACT A BILL THAT WOULD
23 LET THE PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BUILD
24 A RAIL LINE THAT BECOMES THE GOLD LINE? HOW THAT HAPPENED IS
25 BEYOND ME. BUT MAYBE THAT'S THE REASON THE STATE IS IN SUCH



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1 FINANCIAL DISASTER, BECAUSE NOBODY'S ASKING THAT QUESTION.
2 NOBODY AT METRO ASKED THAT QUESTION. NOBODY IN GOVERNMENT
3 ASKED THAT QUESTION. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS ISN'T HERE TO ASK THAT
4 QUESTION, TOO. BUT DOES IT MAKE SENSE? DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO
5 ME BUT THEN I'M NOT IN POLITICS. HOW YOU CAN HAVE A BLUE LINE
6 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BUILDING THE GOLD LINE. SO WE'VE BEEN
7 GOING ROUND AND ROUND WITH THE GREEN LINE CONSTRUCTION
8 AUTHORITY WHEN ALL YOU WOULD NEED TO DO IS SAY LET'S MAKE IT A
9 DIFFERENT COLOR. LET'S MAKE IT PINK. LET'S MAKE IT SILVER. NO,
10 WE CAN'T DO SILVER. THAT'S A DIFFERENT RAIL LINE OR BUS LINE.
11 WHAT OTHER COLORS ARE AVAILABLE THAT WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THAT
12 GREEN LINE TO THE AIRPORT? VERY DISAPPOINTED IN YOU,
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE. BUT, THAT'S POLITICS. THAT'S METRO. WHY
14 NOBODY ACTED? WHAT? I DON'T EVEN KNOW. THERE'S JUST NO COMMON
15 SENSE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** (OFF MIC.) AS WELL AS WE DO. AND SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS STATED THAT SPECIFICALLY AND THE M.T.A.
19 BOARD INCLUDED THE CRENSHAW LINE IN THEIR PLAN. AND SO YOU'RE
20 ARGUING OVER A COLOR THAT WAS DETERMINED IN A PUBLIC ACTION SO
21 THAT EACH OF THE AREAS HAD A COLOR THAT THEY COULD IDENTIFY
22 WITH. AND THERE WERE LONG DISCUSSIONS AT THE M.T.A. BOARD AND
23 A PUBLIC VOTE THAT WAS ON IT. I HAD ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED THE
24 ROSE LINE. AND THE MAJORITY THOUGHT THE GOLD LINE WAS BETTER
25 AND WE WENT ALONG AND HAD THE GOLD LINE. SO THAT'S THE PROJECT



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1 THAT'S BEING COMPLETED. AND IN THE NEXT PHASE AFTER WE GET TO
2 AZUSA IT'S TO GO TO CLAREMONT.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SIR, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THE CRENSHAW LINE
5 IS GOING TO THE AIRPORT AND IT'S ALSO GOING TO THE AVIATION
6 STATION, WITHOUT THE NEED OF A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. SO WHY
7 IS THE CRENSHAW LINE GOING SOUTH TO THE AVIATION STATION
8 WITHOUT A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WHEN THE GREEN LINE GOING
9 NORTH COVERING THE SAME DISTANCE, THE SAME ROUTE NEEDS A
10 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY? PLEASE ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** IT DIDN'T NEED A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, THERE IS
13 NO CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THE LAST LEG OF THE GREEN LINE WAS
14 TRADED FOR THE FIRST LEG OF THE RED LINE. VERY SIMPLE. THAT'S
15 WHAT MAYOR BRADLEY WANTED. AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND AGAIN WE HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION. THE FIRST
18 PHASE OF THE RED LINE WAS THE CONTINUATION OF THE BLUE LINE.
19 AND THAT'S THE REASON WE HAVE THE GOLD LINE, SO PEOPLE DON'T
20 ASK THE QUESTION SAYING WHY IS THERE A GAP BETWEEN SEVENTH AND
21 FIGUEROA AND UNION STATION WHEN THE BLUE LINE WAS SUPPOSED TO
22 GO FROM LONG BEACH TO PASADENA? THAT'S THE REASON YOU HAVE THE
23 GOLD LINE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU ALSO HAVE AN ORANGE LINE, THERE'S GOING
2 TO BE A PURPLE LINE. SO EACH LINE'S GOING TO HAVE A DIFFERENT
3 COLOR.

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND THE PURPLE LINE IS IN FACT THE ORIGINAL RED
6 LINE. SO AGAIN WE HAVE COLORS CHANGE JUST TO KEEP MAINTAINING
7 THIS ACTION WHERE MONEY IS GOING DOWN THIS HUGE METRO HOLE AND
8 NOTHING IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. THANK YOU. MR.
11 JOHNSON?

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13 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED AND
14 I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURAL
15 CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. I'D
16 LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR HIS WIFE MISS MICHELLE OBAMA. WE SHOULD
17 MOVE IN A FARTHER DIRECTION IN THIS 21ST CENTURY. WE SHOULD
18 SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE. BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, TOMORROW
19 WILL BE THE SAME DAY AS TODAY. HYPOCRISY, BROKE DECEIT AND
20 BROKEN PROMISES. WE NEED A MORAL OBLIGATION. WE NEED MORAL
21 RESPONSIBILITY. WE NEED TO UNITE. WE NEED SUPPORT FOR
22 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. WE NEED TO END CORRUPTION IN
23 GOVERNMENT. END ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. ONE WISE MAN SAID THAT
24 AMERICA WOULD ONLY INVITE PEOPLE THOSE PEOPLE WITH HORNS ON
25 THEIR HEAD TO IDENTIFY WITH THEM. WE NEED TO TAKE TOO MUCH



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1 POWER IN THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS WHO HAVE TOO MUCH AUTHORITY IN
2 THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS. TOO MANY UNARMED BLACK MENS HAVE
3 GOTTEN SHOT DOWN BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE
4 INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE ACROSS THIS
5 COUNTRY, THERE'S KILLING BLACK MENS AND THERE'S NO
6 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THEIR ACTION. WE NEED A FAIR AND A JUST
7 GOVERNMENT. WE NEED JOBS. WE NEED PRESIDENT, BARACK OBAMA IN
8 HIS NEW JOB PLAN THAT HE'S TRYING TO BRING IN, HE SAID THAT
9 UNDER THE PRESENT BUSINESS, WE HAVE FAR TOO MANY BUSINESSES
10 NOT PAYING TAXES. IT SOUNDS LIKE AS THOUGH WE'RE HAVING TOO
11 MANY OFF RECORD BUSINESSES GOING ON TODAY IN THIS COUNTRY. WE
12 NEED TO CHANGE FROM CORRUPTION TO MORALS, THOUGH, BECAUSE IF
13 WE DON'T, CORRUPTION BRINGS IN NOTHING BUT DESTRUCTION. AND
14 THERE'S NO GROWTH IN CORRUPTION. IF WE WORK, THERE'S AMERICAN
15 WORK. WE CAN LEAVE SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE TO COME BEHIND US TO
16 WORK. BUT IN THE PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE NOTHING
17 TO LEAVE NO ONE. WE'RE ONLY SUPPORTING OUR SELF AND THAT'S FOR
18 TODAY AND NOTHING FOR TOMORROW. WE NEED TO END CONSTRUCTION
19 FRAUD. WE NEED RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND REASON. SEEING THAT
20 MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA HAS ONLY GOT HIS INTEREST IN MORE HIGH
21 RISES AND MORE RAILS. WE NEED BETTER BUS SERVICE. OUR BUS
22 SERVICE HAVE DESCENDED, HAVE WENT DOWN. WE SHOULD LOWER OUR
23 BUS FARE. WE SHOULD LOWER OUR BUS FARE. WE HAVE FAR TOO MANY
24 AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALES DRIVING THE M.T.A. BUS. THEY
25 SHOULDN'T HAVE TO FOOT THAT TYPE OF RESPONSIBILITY. WE JUST



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1 NEED MORE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES WITH JOBS TODAY. WE SHOULD
2 TRY TO FIND A WAY TO MEND FAMILIES. TOO MANY CHILDREN DO NOT
3 HAVE FAMILIES TODAY. AND 80 PERCENT OF OUR CHILDREN TODAY ARE
4 AMERICAN FOSTER CHILDREN. WE SHOULD CHANGE OUR EDUCATIONAL
5 SYSTEM. I THINK WE LIVE IN A TIME FOR AMERICA TO GO TO A
6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. AND I THINK WE HAVE SOMEONE IN WASHINGTON
7 D.C. THAT WILL AGREE WITH US. WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER WITH
8 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. WE HAVE A GIFT TODAY IN AMERICA. AND
9 THIS GIFT WILL NOT COME AT ANY OTHER TIME. IF WE MISS THIS
10 GIFT TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO BE -- WE WILL MISS OUR LIFETIME. WE
11 WILL MISS THE TIME FOR PEOPLE TO COME AFTER US. WE SHOULD WORK
12 WITH PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND UNITE. AND IF WE CANNOT WORK
13 WITH HIM, WE SHOULD REMOVE FROM OFFICE.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES ALL
16 OF THE ITEMS BEFORE US TODAY. WE WILL NOW BE READ INTO CLOSED
17 SESSION.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
20 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
21 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE
22 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, AND ITEM NO.
23 CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT
24 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
25 AGENDA. THANK YOU.



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